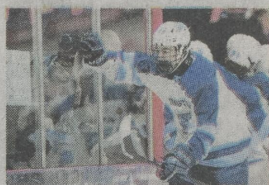


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Eagleview Drive project continued to Feb. 4

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — During their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Planning Board considered requests for various site plan reviews, stormwater management permits, groundwater protection district special permits, sign special permits, and a street acceptance.

The applicants for Eagleview Drive definitive subdivision and stormwater management permit and the 81G and stormwater management permit for Rhodes Street both re-

quested to be continued to Feb. 4. As the applicant at Rhodes Street requested to continue for about six months of meetings, Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich asked if the board wanted to say anything in particular.

Gingrich also explained that they were delaying as they tried to decide if continuing with the roadway improvement or shifting to a hammerhead lot.

The board agreed to ask the Rhodes Street applicant for an update and voted to continue both projects.

Jill Mann discussed the updates made for 208 Main Street's site plan review, stormwater management permit, groundwater protection district special permit, and sign special permit. Some of these were removing the number of Chipotle signs, noting that Chipotle would return for approval, making changes to the directional signs, and showing that trees would be replaced.

Gingrich confirmed that Town Engineer Paul Alunni had no further comments. With that in mind, the board voted to close

the public hearing.

Chair Terence Boland noted the request to extend the action deadline to Jan. 31. Gingrich added that this was suggested because she said the town couldn't get the decision out ahead of the current deadline. With Gingrich verifying that it wouldn't take until the end of the month, Mann agreed that this was fine.

Jayne Wierzbicki explained that to draft these decisions they borrowed from previous conditions proposed for 208 Main St. They would require certain items before depart-

ment review or issuance of the building permit. They also needed approval from MassDOT before construction could begin and any updates needed to be submitted to Gingrich's office.

They also needed approval from the Select Board. During construction, they wanted the existing fire hydrants orientation to be coordinated and the underground drainage system to be inspected. Then, the dead landscape trees had to be replaced. They required that the sign follow the town by-law size meas-

urements.

The board voted to accept the site plan review, groundwater protection district special permit, and sign special permit as drafted along with the stormwater management permit as amended.

Luke Roy of LGR Engineering detailed changes made for 685 Main Street's site plan review, stormwater management permit, and groundwater protection district special permit. These included adding a fence to the property line, increasing

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Planning Board considers suggested bylaw edits

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich brought legislative updates to the Planning Board on Tuesday, Jan. 7 that would require editing the town bylaw.

She first explained that the state issued draft regulations for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) which are open for comment until Friday, Jan. 10. She noted that there were elements of the regulations she expected the state to get comments on, especially the definition of bus station.

She continued to say that the town bylaw currently allows accessory dwelling units to be up to 1,250 square feet which must be attached and deed-restricted either to be a principal dwelling or occupied. The state's proposal allows accessory dwelling units up to 900 square feet which can be detached and prevents towns and cities from requiring them to be owner-occupied.

Therefore, the bylaw would have to be edited to allow this type of ADU. She wanted the board's feedback on whether they could keep two options: up to 900 square foot detached and a 1,250 square foot attached as it currently is written in the bylaw. It would also be possible to have two

ADUs on one parcel via special permit for the second. Or, they could simply remove what is existing and put this new option in its place.

Planning Board member Emma Battaglia suggested that only one of the units could be protected use, but Gingrich stated that the regulation seemed to use ADU and protected use ADU interchangeably, meaning they both could be protected use.

Battaglia maintained that protected use ADU was intended by the state to be different from a regular ADU.

Gingrich agreed that they needed to figure out what the state was trying to say, especially with the potential for multiple ADUs on one site. She also shared that town counsel KP Law was reviewing the regulation but also confused in this regard.

Gingrich posited that the possibility of allowing two ADUs on one site wouldn't be popular at Town Meeting. She also mentioned that septic could pose an issue as most of the town is on it. She invited any of the members to review her comments before she would send them in at the end of the week.

The second matter that this brought up was short-term rental use, which Gingrich said is currently prohibited

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West Intermediate School fifth grade teacher

Maiella nominated as LifeChanger of the Year

WILMINGTON — West Intermediate School fifth grade teacher Catherine Maiella has been nominated for National Life Group's 2024-25 LifeChanger of the Year award. Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Maiella was nominated by her friend, Tisha Janigian, for being an outstanding educator.

As a fifth grade teacher, Maiella is known for her dedication, compassion, and commitment to her students, especially those with special needs. She holds daily early-morning meetings with a student to ease their anxiety, helping them start the day with confidence.

Beyond the classroom, Maiella is a breast cancer survivor and an active community volunteer. She inspires young girls through Girls on the Run and supports local initiatives like the Festival of Trees. Together with her family, she established a scholarship program in memory of her late father to help students pursue their dreams.

Maiella's impact is felt by both current and former students, who frequently express their gratitude.

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Two locations in Wilmington

Reading Coop to merge with Wakefield Coop

READING — Reading Cooperative Bank and Wakefield Cooperative Bank announced this week their plans to enter into a

partnership aimed at creating a stronger, more resilient financial institution dedicated to serving their customers and communities.

The newly formed organization will retain the name Reading Cooperative Bank and will be led by Reading Cooperative Bank's current President and CEO, Julieann M. Thurlow. Wakefield Cooperative Bank President and CEO, Jeffrey A. Worth,

will join as the President of the combined entity.

Reading Cooperative Bank, based in Reading, and Wakefield Cooperative Bank, headquartered in neighboring Wakefield, both share a rich history of community service and a commitment to the mutual banking model. This partnership will enhance their ability to meet the evolving needs of their customers while preserving their cooperative val-

ues.

While Reading Cooperative no longer has a presence in Woburn (it formerly had a site in TradeCenter Park), it still has a location in Burlington on Wall Street (off Cambridge Street) and two in Wilmington with one on Lowell Street and the other on Middlesex Avenue.

In a joint statement, Thurlow and Worth emphasized, "This partnership combines two financially

sound organizations that have long been dedicated to their customers and the communities they serve. Together, we will create a bank with greater size and scale, allowing us to provide even more relevant and innovative services for the future."

The combined institution will have approximately \$1.2 billion in assets and 14 full-service locations across 11 distinct communities. Importantly, bank

customers will continue to receive banking services from the employees that they know and trust.

Julie Thurlow stated, "We want to assure customers that no branches will be closed as part of this transaction. This partnership provides convenience and access connecting our original Reading branches in Middlesex County to our newer loca-

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▲ Wilmington Memorial Library is updating its hours! Starting Jan. 6, 2025, we'll be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday/Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by and check out what's new — we can't wait to see you! (Courtesy photo)

Wilmington Library News:

New hours at the library started on Monday, Jan. 6

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Adult Programs

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 12 p.m.
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! This month's featured cookbook is Amrikan by Khushbu Shah.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Novel Ideas

Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. This month's featured book is Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce.

Professional Headshots Mini Sessions — with Katie Wagner Creative Studio

Saturday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m.
Designed for busy professionals, entrepreneurs, and anyone looking to update their profile, these sessions offer a quick and efficient way to capture a polished and professional image. Participants will sign up for a 10 minute

session and receive one high resolution digital download with the option to purchase more!

Youth Programs

Bilingual Story Hour

Monday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m.
Practice using your home language or learning a new language with the Community Teamwork Family Resource Network! Each month, Community Teamwork will read a story in a non-English language. We encourage parents to join us and participate in whatever language they speak. At the playgroup participants will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. If you are interested in volunteering to help lead a Bilingual Story Hour, please reach out to Chris Cole, CTI's CFCE Supervisor, at ccole@commteam.org. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

VIRTUAL College Admissions Drop In Q&A

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Drop in to get answers to

your questions about college admissions, from scholarships and funding, to visiting and deciding on the right school for you. This program is presented by Tom O'Hare, an independent education advisor affiliated with Pivotal College Years. Teens & Adults

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Midterms Snack & Study

Thursday, Jan. 16, 12 p.m.
WHS students: swing by the library after midterms are done for the day to study and eat some snacks! Register to receive reminders and let us know you're coming, but feel free to drop by as well! Grades 9-12

Manga Tryouts

Thursday, Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m.
Have a say in manga purchased for the teen collection with this new club! During each meeting, we'll sample 1st vol-

umes of different manga, and vote on whether it should be added to WML's collection. Grades 6-12

Deep Play for Kids Event

Friday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m.
Explore playful movement using stories, yoga, breath, mindfulness, music, and songs, fully experienced through the body! This modality helps children and adults release energy through play and aids in self-regulation. A fun way for families to connect with themselves and each other! Ages 3-5

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Additional Information

Book Store Next Door
The Book Store Next Door will be open only on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in January and February. Wednesday hours will begin again on March 5.

Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volun-

teers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting wilmlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Display Your Artwork at the Library!

Call for artwork! Did you know the Wilmington Memorial Library allows professional artists to exhibit their work in the library's Stewart Room? Interested artists can apply to exhibit their work by visiting <https://bit.ly/wmlart>.

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



Low to moderate income workers may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit

The Earned Income Tax Credit is the federal government's largest refundable tax credit for low to moderate income workers. Almost a third of those who qualify for the EITC became eligible for the first time this year due to changes in their marital, parental or financial status and may not realize they're eligible. Other workers at risk for overlooking the EITC include those:

- Living in non-traditional homes, such as a grandparent raising a grandchild.
- Whose earnings declined or whose marital or parental status changed.
- Without children.
- With limited English skills.
- Who are veterans.
- Living in rural areas.
- Who are Native Americans.
- With earnings below the filing requirement.

Taxpayers can check their eligibility and how much they qualify for at IRS.gov/eitc.

The EITC is a tax credit for certain people who work and have low to moderate income. A tax credit usually reduces tax owed and may also result in a refund. For tax year 2023, the EITC is as much as \$7,430 for a family with three or more children, or \$600 for taxpayers who don't have a qualifying child.

To get the EITC, qualified workers must file a tax return and claim the credit. Eligible taxpayers should file a tax return to claim the credit even if their earnings were below the income requirement to file.

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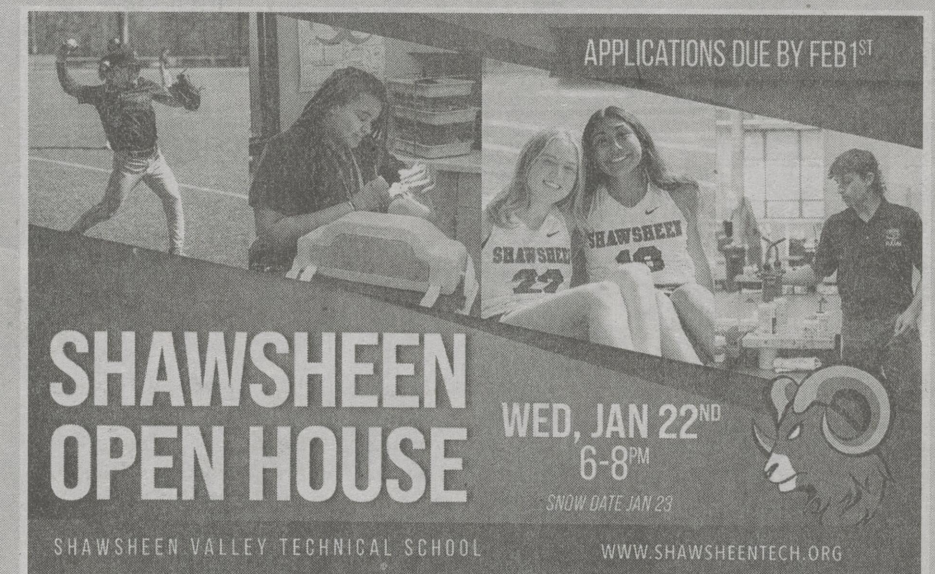
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Shawsheen to host Open House on Jan. 22

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical School invites prospective students and their families to its winter Open House on Wednesday evening Jan. 22, 2025, from 6 - 8 p.m. This event offers a view into the school's academic, career, and vocational-technical programs, with the added attraction of hands-on activities in each vocational program.

During the Open House, attendees will have the chance to meet coaches and athletic teams, explore extracurricular clubs and activities, and engage in hands-on experiences that showcase Shawsheen's vocational-technical offerings.

Additionally, representatives will be present to provide information on various programs, such as the adult and continuing education program, Shawsheen's School of



Practical Nursing, the 'Summer at Shawsheen' program, 7th grade Project Explore, and the aquatics and swim programs.

For those considering enrollment, the admissions department will be available to answer questions about the applica-

tion process. The application deadline for the class of 2029 is February 1st, underscoring the importance for prospective students to take advantage of this opportunity.

In the event of inclement weather, the snow date for Shawsheen's Open House will be Jan.

23, 2025, from 6 - 8 p.m. Visit Shawsheen Tech on Jan. 22 to discover the educational pathways available through career and technical education, and to experience firsthand, what it means to be a Shawsheen Ram.

Lifestyle

Prepare your pipes for the coming WINTER FREEZE

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

Anyone who has experienced a New England winter knows that post-holiday January can often bring the wrath of Old Man Winter.

Most seasoned New Englanders are prepared for the arrival of snow, and are well stocked with salt, shovels and snow brushes.

However, often the "prepared New Englander" does not account for the possibility of dealing with frozen pipes.

Frozen pipes can be a serious and costly problem when temperatures fall well below freezing for a prolonged period of time.

Because water has the unique property of expanding as it freezes, this can cause tremendous pressure on metal and plastic pipes, causing them to burst when frozen.

This occurrence can possibly leave the homeowner without water and/or heat, and extensive water damage that can be quite

costly to repair.

Pipes that are most prone to freeze are those in the outdoor elements such as hose bibs, swimming pool supply lines and water sprinkler lines.

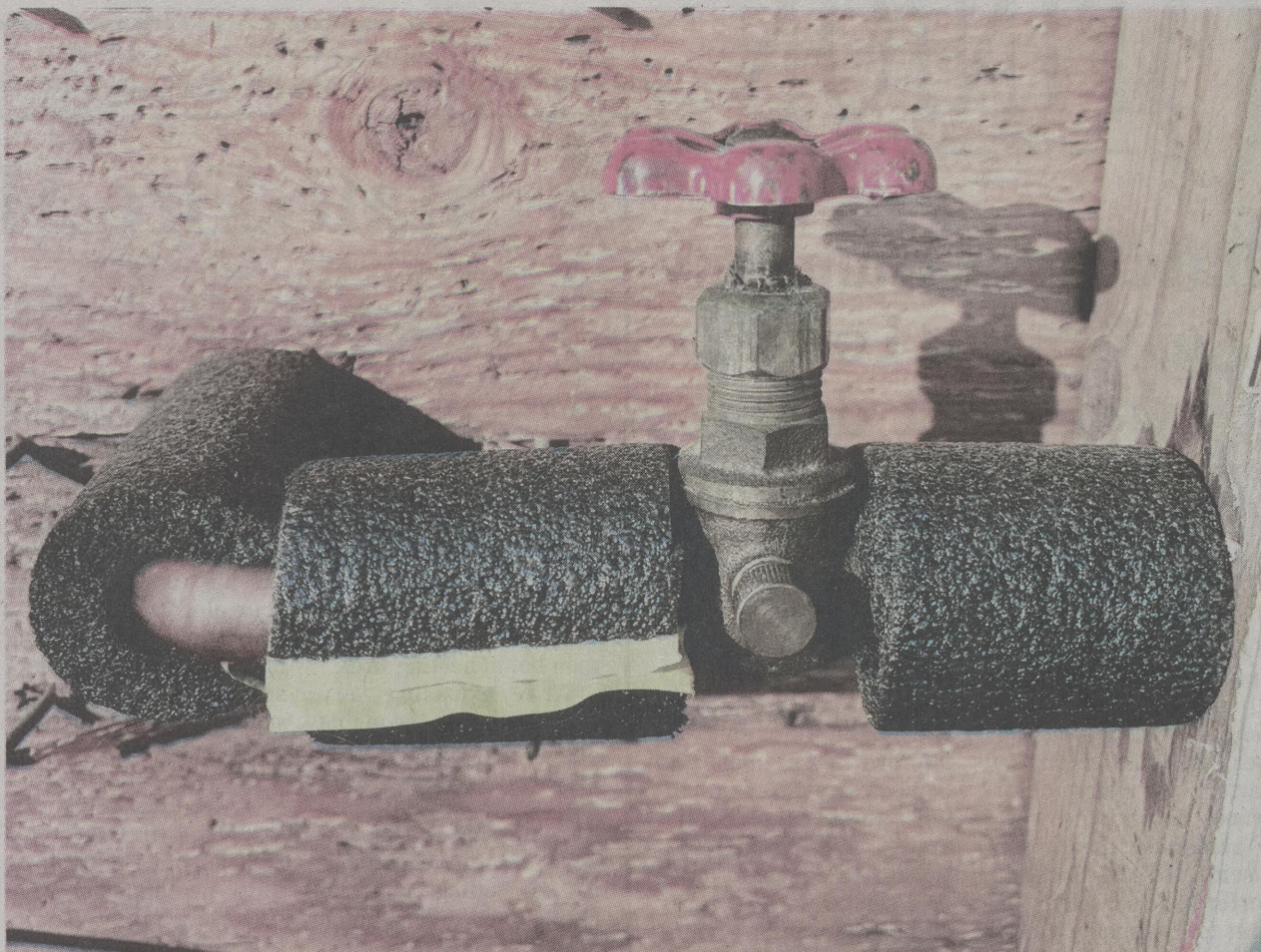
However, pipes that are inside your home may also be vulnerable to severe cold temperatures.

Water supply lines in unheated interior areas like basements, crawl spaces, attics, and garages are particularly vulnerable, but pipes in kitchen and bathroom cabinets are susceptible to freeze. This also applies to any pipes that run along exterior walls, particularly if they are not properly insulated.

Before the onset of prolonged cold temperatures, The American Red Cross recommends several ways to protect your pipes from freezing this winter.

Always drain outdoor lines, such as pool and sprinkler system lines, before the cold weather arrives. It is best to follow installers specifications.

Remove any outdoor hoses, drain and store until



▲ Consider using an insulated pipe sleeve to protect vulnerable pipes from extreme cold temperatures.

(Heather Burns photo)

spring.

Drain outdoor bibs, leaving the outdoor valves open to account for expansion of any remaining water, but closing the inside valves that supply the bib.

Adding sufficient insulation to attics, basements, and crawl spaces to maintain higher indoor temperatures in these areas of your home.

Check for other possible unheated areas such as in the garage and in kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

Both hot and cold lines should be well insulated in these areas.

When deciding how to insulate pipes in these areas, consider installing specific products made to insulate pipes such as pipe sleeves, heat tape or heat cable.

For last minute cold weather preparation, one-quarter inch of newspaper

wrap can provide significantly better protection than an uninsulated pipe.

When an arctic cold snap is expected in our area, The American Red Cross also recommends several last minute tips to prevent frozen pipes.

During a cold snap, keep garage doors closed to keep the indoor temperature as warm as possible for any water supply lines that run through that area.

Leave kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors open to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.

On particularly cold days (and nights), let cold water drip to help prevent pipes from freezing. Moving water, even at a trickle, can help prevent pipes from freezing.

During an extreme cold period, don't lower your

thermostat at night. The small amount of extra money this will add to your heating bill will be far less than the costly repair job of frozen pipes that have burst.

If you turn on your faucet during one of these extreme cold periods and only a trickle or no water at all comes out, most likely you may have a frozen pipe.

To find the area that is frozen, first check any areas against an exterior wall or where your water service enters your home through the foundation, as these are typically a likely spot to be prone.

It is important to immediately try to thaw the pipe before it bursts. Apply heat to the section of frozen pipe using a portable space heater, electric hair blow dryer, or wrap an electric heating pad

around the pipe.

Never use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, or other open flame device.

Keep the faucet open as you treat the frozen pipe. As the water slowly begins to flow again, keep water running to help melt away any remaining ice.

Continue to apply heat until full water pressure returns. Be sure to check other faucets in your home to detect any additional frozen pipes.

If you are unable to detect the frozen area, or are unable to thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.

This winter, make sure your pipes are prepared for the cold winter ahead.

By preparing for the cold weather in advance, you will save the loss of your cold cash in the future.

Norovirus (winter vomiting disease) on the rise

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

While winter brings cold weather to the region, it also brings people together for gatherings and more time together indoors. However, circulating in environments with less fresh air increases the chance for sickness to spread.

Though influenza and COVID are active participants in the winter mix of culprits for sickness, norovirus is gaining some additional traction this year.

Originally called the Norwalk virus after identification in Norwalk, Ohio, the "winter vomiting disease" is very contagious and spreads through contact with surfaces or foods that are handled by infected persons.

Even tiny droplets can

unleash the wrath of the virus, spreading quickly in schools and other closed environments such as health care facilities, nursing homes, and cruise ships.

And while some call it the stomach flu, norovirus is not influenza, a respiratory illness. Symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, aches, chills, and sometimes fever are hallmarks of the virus. It can take 12-48 hours from exposure for symptoms to occur, and the virus can be spread by infected persons days after symptoms resolve.

According to the Center for Disease and Control, norovirus is the leading cause of outbreaks from contaminated food in the United States. About 50 percent of all outbreaks of food-related illness are caused by norovirus.



Most of these outbreaks occur in food service settings like restaurants. Infected food workers are frequently the source of outbreaks, often by touching ready-to-eat foods (such as raw fruits and vegetables) with their bare hands before serving them.

The CDC also explains that norovirus outbreaks can also occur from food that is contaminated at the source or on the farm. This includes oysters har-

vested from contaminated water, or fruit and vegetables sprayed with contaminated water in the field. It is always recommended to wash raw fruits and vegetables thoroughly with clean water.

Symptoms of norovirus usually come on quickly and include vomiting and diarrhea. Recommended treatment is drinking with plenty of liquids, rest, and bland foods.

If stricken with norovirus, it is recommended

to stay home for two days after symptoms stop, as the virus can still be spread. Handwashing is critical, and it is advised to wash any laundry that could have droplets on it, such as clothing, bedding and towels, in hot water.

It is a common misconception that cleaning sprays and wipes kill norovirus on surfaces. The only proven way to kill the virus on surfaces is with a mixture of bleach and water. This can present some challenges for certain surfaces, but a diluted mixture of 1/3 cup of bleach to one gallon of water is recommended, and it must sit on an infected surface for several minutes before being washed off.

Use gloves and a mask and clean surfaces such as light switches, toilets, sinks and handles, and

doorknobs, remote controls — any common use surface shared by household members. Soap and water for handwashing is fine but hot water and friction is recommended to break the chain of the virus.

The CDC reported that 2024 was the highest year yet for incidence of norovirus on cruise ships. Passengers on cruise ships are particularly vulnerable to norovirus since it exposes people to new environments and high volumes of people. The risk of contracting illness from person-to-person contact is greater due to the closed environment.

The CDC does have cruise ship protocols for sanitation and monitors incidents of cruise ship gastrointestinal illness.

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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell mourns the death of former president Jimmy Carter

LOWELL — Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell joins the world in mourning the death of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and joins observances around the world to remember his life of service. He and Rosalynn Carter have served as Habitat for Humanity's most famous volunteers over the 35 years they helped to build affordable housing with the organization.

"Our prayers and condolences are with the Carter family. Habitat was lucky to have an advocate like President Carter and he will remain an inspiration as we continue the work he was so passionate about," shares Sheilagh Carlisle, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell.

"Our hearts are heavy. We have lost a treasured friend and true champion of people and communities everywhere. As we grieve, however, we are also filled with a tremendous sense of gratitude for the life of this incomparable servant leader and comforted by knowing he is now reunited with his beloved wife, Rosalynn," said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. "President and Mrs. Carter began volunteering with Habitat for Humanity near their home in southwest Georgia, soon bringing worldwide attention to the need for decent and affordable housing. We are grateful for the incredible impact the Carters have had on Habitat and on the families who have benefited from their shining example. The Carters put Habitat for Humanity on the map, and their legacy will live on in every family we serve around the world."

After leaving the White House, the Carters sought out meaningful ways to continue their commitment to social justice and basic human rights. They first volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia, near their home of Plains, in March 1984.

Later that same year, the Carters joined Habitat volunteers in New York City's Lower East Side to renovate an abandoned building in partnership with families in need of affordable housing. That trip marked Habitat for Humanity's first Jimmy Carter Work Project (later renamed the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work

Project).

Each year since then, the Carters have volunteered with Habitat to build or improve houses alongside homeowners in communities across the United States and around the world. President Carter also served as a member of the organization's board of directors from 1984-1987.

"I think every human being has within himself or herself a desire to reach out to others and to share some of our blessings with those who are in need," President Carter has said. "What's opened up that avenue for me and my wife and hundreds and thousands of others is Habitat for Humanity. It makes it easy for us to reach out and work side by side with the homeowner who's never had a decent house, perhaps. I haven't been on a Habitat project that I wasn't thrilled and inspired, and wept."

Inspiring millions over the last three decades, President and Mrs. Carter worked alongside more than 104,000 volunteers across the U.S. and in 14 countries to build, renovate and repair 4,390 homes. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has served more than 46 million people around the world. In 2016, Habitat named President and Mrs. Carter as the inaugural Habitat Humanitarians for their extraordinary dedication to service in alignment with Habitat's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Habitat for Humanity will be celebrating President Carter's life of service with local observances. To learn more or to share a tribute, visit habitat.org. Photos and videos of President and Mrs. Carter volunteering with Habitat for Humanity are available at habitat.ngo/cwpphotos.

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell was founded in Lowell in 1991 as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. We serve 16 towns in Northern Middlesex community: Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Lowell, No Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Wakefield, Westford, and Wilmington.

About Habitat for Humanity

State Fire Marshal offers cold snap heating safety tips

STOW — With temperatures dipping into the teens overnight this week, Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to stay warm safely and protect their loved ones from some of the most common home heating fires.

"We're expecting very cold weather in the nights ahead, and home heating appliances will be working overtime," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "Heating equipment is the leading cause of carbon monoxide at home and the second leading cause of residential fires. Whether you're using gas, oil, solid fuel, or space heaters to keep warm, be sure you keep safe, too."

State Fire Marshal Davine said there were nearly 6,000 heating fires in Massachusetts from 2019 to 2023. These fires claimed eight lives, caused 139 injuries to firefighters and residents, and contributed to over \$42 million in damage. And in 2023 alone, Massachusetts fire departments reported finding carbon monoxide at nearly 5,000 non-fire incidents.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household needs working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of their home. Check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms so you know when to replace them: smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 to 10 years de-

pending on the model. If your alarms take alkaline batteries, put in fresh batteries twice a year when you change your clocks.

If it's time to replace your alarms, choose new ones from a well-known, national brand. Select smoke alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner, have it professionally checked and serviced each year. This will help it run more efficiently, which will save you money and could save your life.

Always keep a three-foot "circle of safety" around the appliance clear of anything that could catch fire. Never store painting supplies, aerosol cans, or other flammable items near these appliances. If you smell gas, don't use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Residents struggling to pay for heating bills or maintenance may be eligible for assistance through the Massachusetts home energy assistance program (HEAP). No matter what type of heating equipment you use, HEAP may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills or maintain your heating system.

All Massachusetts residents are encouraged to explore eligibility for this free program and apply for assistance.

Solid Fuel Heating

If you use a fireplace or a stove that burns wood, pellets, or coal, always keep the area around it clear for three feet in all directions. This circle of safety should be free of furniture, drapery, rugs, books and papers, fuel, and any other flammable items.

To prevent sparks and embers from escaping, use a fireplace screen or keep the stove door closed while burning. Use only dry, seasoned hardwood and don't use flammable liquids to start the fire. To dispose of ashes, wait until they are cool and shovel them into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside at least 10 feet away from the building.

Have your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year. Most chimney fires are caused by burning creosote, a tarry substance that builds up as the fireplace, wood stove, or pellet stove is used. If burning creosote, sparks, embers, or hot gases escape through cracks in the flue or chimney, they can cause a fire that spreads to the rest of the structure.

Annual cleaning and inspection can minimize this risk. Contact the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild or Chimney Safety Institute of America to identify reputable local companies.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn.

Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and remember that they're for temporary use.

Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

When purchasing a space heater, select one that's been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over.

Unvented kerosene space heaters and portable propane space heaters are not permitted for residential use in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Davine said: the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning that they pose is too great.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the "Keep Warm, Keep Safe" tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, on the DFS web site.

Tewksbury nomination papers now available

TEWKSBURY — Nomination papers for Town of Tewksbury elected offices are now available at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main St. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Tuesday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The annual town election will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The last day for candidates to file their nomination papers is Friday, Feb. 14, 2025 before 5 p.m., at the Town Clerk's Office. 50 valid regis-

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Book Stew Review

'Patriot' by Alexei Navalny

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This remarkable memoir and prison diary could only have been executed (a deliberate word choice) by a man of incredible courage, persistence, and hu-

mor, who was executed by a weak coward lacking in any conscience or humanity.

It begins with his painfully vivid description of his poisoning in August 2020, the life-saving act of Angela Merkel in convince-

ing Putin to allow Navalny to be transferred to Berlin, and his months of recovery.

Then follows his memoir, including a happy childhood about 434 miles from Chernobyl, the overwhelming impact of the disaster on the residents, and the government's complete inability to build new homes or to provide the consumer goods needed to sustain life ("Your old tracksuit was gone, and who was going to sew you a new one — Karl Marx?").

The corruption that funded government officials and oligarchs' lavish lifestyles, with mansions and mistresses, and Navalny's overwhelming love for his sad country, sets him on the path to become a lawyer and a candidate for the opposition.

With a cadre of brave anti-corruption activists, he campaigns and runs for office despite the per-

sonal risks to his family, and the most remarkable parts of the book are not the prison diaries that come later, with the absurdity and indignities of solitary confinement, the show trials and corrupt judges, the hunger strike - but his simple explanation for his return from Germany and his ongoing political work — that he did it all for the love of his country.

He is an incredible writer and uses his words to reassure the reader that he accepts the likely outcome of his actions because his faith and conscience would not allow an easier course.

The palpable pain and regret of this daring life, seemingly futile now, makes you feel that you have lost a true friend when his death comes in February, 2024 in a prison camp above the Arctic Circle.

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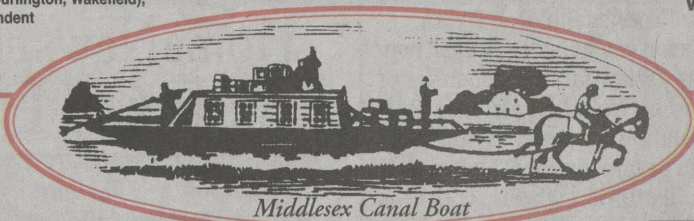
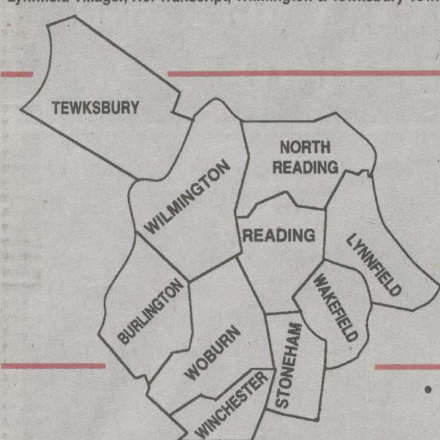


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Woburn advisory board unveils ambitious two-school construction plan

By PATRICK BLAIS

Even in Woburn, where city officials are sitting of more than \$42 million in reserve funding and enjoy somewhere around \$21 million in excess tax levy capacity, it's a big, big ask.

Earlier this fall, members of a 16-member Building Capital and Planning Committee (BCPC) forwarded an ambitious \$324 million school capital investment plan that calls for simultaneously constructing a new middle school and elementary school with an attached early childhood education center.

Though keenly aware of the need to erect a new elementary school to house students who reside in North Woburn and further appraised in December of 2023 about the anti-

quoted conditions in both of Woburn's middle schools, the ask still caught many School Committee members off-guard.

"If we had buckets of gold sitting at City Hall, I'd be jumping for joy [about the idea of moving ahead with both projects at once]. But we have to realize there are other needs in the city," responded veteran School Committee member Patricia Chisholm after listening to the recommendation during a meeting late last fall.

Initially opting to take some time to digest the BCPC report, the local education board last month agreed to table those deliberations indefinitely so that related redistricting and pre-school program decisions can be made.

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COMBINE AND CONSTRUCT - One part of Woburn's proposed construction plan is to erect a new elementary school to house students who reside in North Woburn that would combine the Altavesta School (left) and the Linscott School (right) populations into a brand new educational facility to be erected adjacent to the existing Altavesta School.



(Courtesy Photos)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Bob Dylan biopic is electric in more ways than one



AMERICA'S ENIGMATIC TROUBADOUR - Above, Elle Fanning (1) and Timothée Chalamet as singer/songwriter Bob Dylan in the biopic 'A Complete Unknown'.

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

"A Complete Unknown" certainly lives up to its title. You are hardly closer to understanding the soul of Bob Dylan after watching more than two hours of this moody look at America's most enigmatic troubadour. But that's not the point of James Mangold's biopic: It's not who Dylan is but what he does to us.

Mangold — who directed and co-wrote the screenplay with Jay Cocks — doesn't do a traditional cradle-to-the-near-grave treatment. He concentrates on the few crucial

years between when Dylan arrived in New York in 1961 and when he blew the doors off the Newport Folk Festival in 1965 by adding a Fender Stratocaster.

That means we never learn anything about Dylan before he arrives in Manhattan's Greenwich Village with a guitar, a wool-lined bomber jacket, a fisherman's cap and ambition. And Dylan being Dylan, we just get scraps after that.

The world spins around him, this ubercypher of American song. Women fall in love with him, musicians seek his orbit, fans

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demand his autograph, record executives fight over his signature. The Cuban Missile Crisis melds into the Kennedy assassination and the March on Washington. What does Dylan make of all this? The answer is blowing in the wind.

Any sane actor would run away from this assignment. Not Timothée Chalamet, and "A Complete Unknown" is his most ambitious work to date, asking him not only to play insecure-within-a-sneer but also to play and sing 40 songs in Dylan's unmistakable growl, complete with blustery harmonica. Daniel Craig has been called brave for his role this awards season in "Queer." Try playing "Subterranean Homesick Blues" in front of a crowd.

The last big non-documentary attempt to understand Dylan was Todd Haynes' "I'm Not There," which split the assignment among seven actors. Chalamet does it all, moving from callow, fresh-faced songsmith to arrogant, selfish New Yorker to jaded, staggering pop star to Angry Young Man. There are moments when Chalamet tilts his head down and looks at the world slyly, like Princess Diana. There are others when the resemblance is uncanny, but also moments when it is a tad forced. You cannot deny he's got the essence of Dylan down, though.

The movie's title is pulled from Dylan's lyrics for "Like a Rolling Stone" and it's adapted from Elijah Wald's book "Dylan Goes Electric! Newport, Seeger, Dylan, and the Night That Split the Sixties." Dylan isn't a producer but did consult on the script.

It's not the most glowing profile, though the sheer brilliance of the songs — so many the movie might be deemed a musical — show Dylan's undeniable genius. Chalamet's Dylan is unfaithful, jealous and puckish. The movie suggests that adding electric guitar at Newport in '65 was less a brave stand for music's evolution than a middle finger to anyone who dared put him in a box.

In some ways, "A Complete Unknown" uses some of the DNA from "I'm Not There." The best clues to what's going on behind Dylan's shades are the refracted light from others, like Joan Baez, Johnny Cash, Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and a girlfriend called Sylvie Russo, based on Dylan's ex Suzie Rotolo, who is pictured on 1963's album

cover for "The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan."

Edward Norton is a hangdog Seeger hoping to harness Dylan for the goodness of folk, astonished by his talent. Monica Barbaro is a revelation as Baez, Dylan's on-again-off-again paramour. Boyd Holbrook is a sharklike, disrupting Cash, with the movie's best line: "Make some noise, B.D. Track some mud on the carpet." And Elle Fanning is captivating as Russo, the sweetheart sucked into this crazy rock drama.

It's Baez and Russo who dig the deepest into trying to find out who Dylan is. They don't buy his stories about learning from the carnival and call him on his facade-building. "I don't know you," Russo says, calling him a "mysterious minstrel" and urging him to "Stop hiding." Too late, sister.

There are some lovely moments, especially the morning after Baez spends the night and she wakes to him working on "Blowin' in the Wind." They spar a bit (he calls her songs "oil paintings at a dentist office," and she calls him worse than a jerk) but they come together on the side of his bed in their underwear, he fumbling through what will be one of the greatest protest songs in history, and she supplying delicate harmony.

Mangold — who directed the Cash biopic "Walk the Line" — is always good with music and clearly loves being in this world. There's one scene that initially puzzles — Dylan stops on the street to buy a toy whistle — and you wonder why the director has wasted our time. Then we see Dylan pull it out at the top of the recording of "Highway 61 Revisited" and suddenly it answers all those years of wondering what that crazy sound was.

There are points to quibble — Dylan never faced a shout of "Judas!" from an enraged folkie at Newport; that came a year later in Manchester — but "A Complete Unknown" is utterly fascinating, capturing a moment in time when songs had weight, when they could move the culture — even if the singer who made them was as puzzling as a rolling stone.

"A Complete Unknown," a Searchlight Pictures release in theaters Friday, is rated R for "language." Running time: 141 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

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RECIPE

DILLED
CUCUMBER AND
TOMATO SALAD



SIDE DISH SALAD - Enjoy this flavorful vegetable salad – a perfect side dish for any meal. So good - and so good for you.

STEPS

1. In large glass serving bowl, mix tomatoes, cucumbers and onion.
2. In small bowl, mix all remaining ingredients until blended. Pour vinegar mixture over vegetables; toss to mix. Cover; refrigerate 1 hour to blend flavors. Toss again just before serving. Serve with slotted spoon.

EXPERT TIPS

- For maximum cucumber crunch, choose firm, slender cucumbers with thin skins. Cucumber seeds become bitter with

age. Slice older cucumbers in half lengthwise and run the tip of a spoon down the center to remove the seeds. Or try hothouse cucumber. These very long slender cucumbers don't have many seeds but cost a bit more.

- Rice vinegar is less acidic than cider, white or wine vinegar. Look for it near the other vinegars in the grocery store.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 medium tomatoes, each cut into 8 wedges (about 3 cups)
- 2 medium cucumbers, thinly sliced (about 5 cups)
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup rice vinegar
- 4 teaspoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh dill
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt

• Schools FROM B-1

Appointed last April by the School Committee with the full backing of Woburn Mayor Michael Concannon and the City Council, the BCPC over an approximate five-month period walked through each of Woburn's school buildings, reviewed in detail a districtwide capital needs analysis compiled and released last fall by a Boston architect, and met with various school administrators and local officials to hear their opinions about the district's most pressing infrastructure needs.

In a three-part recommendation voted upon in October, the advisory panel — which included broad representation from elected officials, key City Hall and school department personnel, and the general public — is calling for the following:

- That the City of Woburn move ahead without state assistance on a tentative \$95 to \$112 million school construction project in North Woburn that would combine the Linscott and Altavesta School populations into a brand new educational facility to be erected adjacent to the existing Altavesta School;

- That the new North Woburn schoolhouse also include a separate wing to house the district's growing early childhood education program (ECP);
 - That the City of Woburn apply for Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) funding to help defray the estimated \$168-to-\$212 million bill associated with constructing another new school with room for both the Kennedy and Joyce Middle School populations.
- "I can't emphasize how much the committee [believes] that these projects should happen simultaneously," School Committee member and BCPC Vice-Chair Ellen Crowley stated while outlining the group's recommendation last fall. "I would urge the School Committee, the City Council, and the mayor to take these recommendations very seriously and give them much weight during their own deliberations."

A long-term vision

Technically, at least part of the BCPC's findings - related to constructing a new facility to replace Woburn's Linscott and Altavesta School buildings - line up perfectly with an 18-year-old "school parity" report released by a similarly comprised task force.

Specifically, at the start of the late Mayor Thomas McLaughlin's first term in office back in 2007, the former chief executive established a School Building Task Force to examine deficiencies within six of the communities oldest elementary schools and charged that group with identifying a financially viable way to address those issues.

Emerging with a school consolidation plan that would achieve "educational parity" by giving each and every child in Woburn access to new schools equipped with amenities and technology required for "21st Century learning", the task force suggested merging together Woburn's Clapp and Goodyear School populations within a new Goodyear School, while the city's old Hurd and Wyman Schools in the center of the commu-

nity would be shuttered and folded into a new school at a to-be-determined location. Lastly, the group suggested the Altavesta and Linscott Schools be combined into a new school that would preferably be erected on the larger Altavesta School property off Main Street in North Woburn.

With two of those projects completed with assistance from the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) over the ensuing decade, city leaders turned their attention to the last project - which would provide new opportunities for students in North Woburn.

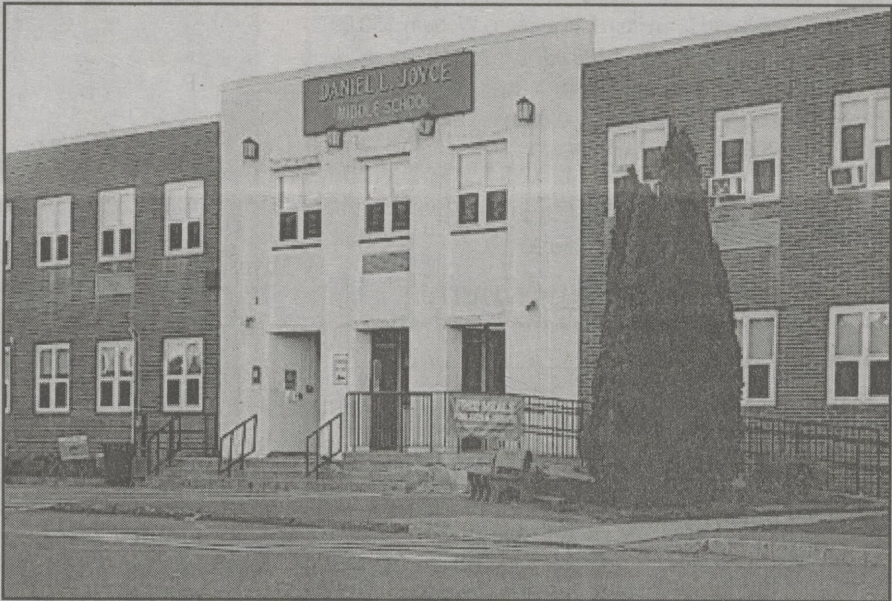
However, while local officials were laying out plans for getting back into the MSBA funding queue, since retired School Committee veteran Dr. John Wells began to question whether the city should instead be steering some of that funding back into other maintenance needs and building priorities.

At the time, Wells and several of his colleagues pointed out that some of Woburn's "new" school buildings had actually opened nearly 20 years earlier. For example, Woburn's oldest "new" school, the Reeves Elementary School in the city's West Side, had been in operation since 2000, while the Shamrock School in East Woburn opened in 2002. Even the city's flagship high school, a facility that cost \$70 million to erect, has now been standing for 18 years.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Dr. Matthew Crowley and other school administrators were also calling increasing attention to space constraints in local schools that were being caused by surging enrollment figures in Woburn's preschool, English-language learners, and special education programs.

In the summer of 2021, former Mayor Scott Galvin, agreeing the community needed to take a holistic look at the district's infrastructure and student enrollment needs, announced his plans to commission a \$600,000 feasibility study.

However, due to complications around the COVID-



NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDING - A Woburn advisory panel proposes that the city should apply for Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) funding to help defray the estimated \$168-to-\$212 million bill associated with constructing another new school by combining both the Joyce Middle School (top) and Kennedy Middle School (bottom) populations. (Courtesy Photos)

19 pandemic and other factors, that analysis, conducted by Boston architectural firm DiNisco Design Partnership, would not be finished until October of 2023.

Though several city and school staffers had the chance to review the document, that comprehensive report was not publicly released until Dec. of 2024. At the time, new Mayor-elect Michael Concannon, whose campaign platform included a promise to invest more in the city's educational programs, convened a public forum to unveil that 766-page report.

As expected, DiNisco's consulting team identified some \$45.7 million in "critical deficiencies" within both the Altavesta and Linscott

Schools that would need to be addressed order to meet modern-day educational needs.

However, in findings that took many by surprise, the Boston architects and engineers reportedly identified another \$99 million worth of "critical deficiencies" within the rest of Woburn's school buildings. And in order to make sure each facility is equipped with the latest technology and program spaces, DiNisco also recommended an extra \$85.9 million in investments also be made.

Implementing those improvement plans through a combination of new building projects and renovations could prove even more expensive. For example, under several scenarios studied by

DiNisco to solve early education program space constraints and the Altavesta/Linscott issues, the district can reportedly expect to pay anywhere from \$80 million to \$110 million.

Meanwhile, in order to handle a host of pressing needs at the district's two middle schools, DiNisco officials studied a series of renovation and new building projects that ranged anywhere from \$137.5 million to \$212 million. At a minimum, the design team concluded, Woburn will need to invest a minimum of \$78.3 million into both middle schools in the coming years in order to bring those facilities into good working order and present-day building code standards.

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45 Charles St was sold to Metzgr, Andrew and Metzgr, Jacquelyn by Charles Wakefield LLC for \$985,000 on 12/17/24

21 Druid Hill Ave was sold to Karma-charya, Sujata J and Karmacharya, Ujwal by Edson, Jacob L and Edson, Stephanie L for \$1,010,000 on 12/16/24

51 Elmcrest Rd was sold to Geha, Sylvanna and Balekji, George by June M Fahey 1993 T and Fahey, June M for \$720,665 on 12/18/24

43 Eustis Ave was sold to Cdg Investments LLC by MacLaughlin Mary K Est and Klapes, Benjamin C for \$665,000 on 12/20/24

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410 Salem St #305 was sold to Johnson, Stephen A and Johnson, Cathleen by Gaetano J Ternullo Ft and Ternullo, Gaetano J for \$800,000 on 12/18/24

37 Sycamore Rd was sold to Thomas, Stephen and Thomas, Maria C by Francesconi, Rita M for \$725,000 on 12/16/24

WILMINGTON

6 Cherokee Ln was sold to Politis, Constantino and Karavoussianis, Demi by Mitchell, Christine C and Mitchell, William J for \$780,000 on 12/16/24

2 Harvard Ave was sold to Chen, Xiaolong and Deng, Yuan L by Hennessey, Michael J and Hennessey, Meghan K for \$631,000 on 12/18/24

10 Heather Dr was sold to Byrne, Douglas G and Sa, Ruhan by Zaya Carolyn A Est and Olender, Amanda J for \$732,000 on 12/18/24

3 Nelson Way was sold to McGovern, Lindsey and Beckman, Patrick F by Benzel, Diana E for \$910,000 on 12/20/24

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28 Bellevue Ave was sold to Scott Custom Homes LLC by Strazzullo Home T and

Strazzullo, William J for \$850,000 on 12/16/24

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43 Derby Dr #43 was sold to Hosseinian, Ramine by West Dev Corp for \$824,900 on 12/19/24

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31 James St was sold to Kim, Joseph and Kim, Hyehee by Mooney Jr, James J and Mooney, Paula M for \$900,000 on 12/20/24

102 Pine St was sold to Burke, Jeremy and Burke, Kaitlin by Mawn 3rd, Andrew J and Mawn, Lisa for \$672,000 on 12/20/24

35 Prospect St #207 was sold to Smith, Laura G by Debolt, Adam M for \$290,000 on 12/20/24

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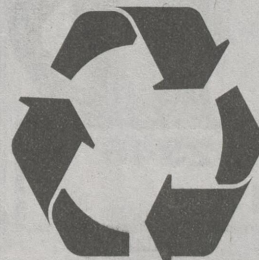
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Tewksbury Police Log

Male taken away by ambulance for alcohol poisoning

Monday, December 30

5:24 a.m. - Call for an open back door to Hallmark. Police sent. The alarm was ripped of the wall and requested detectives to respond. Key holder contacted and would be arriving in a red Tesla. Officer sent. Key holder was on scene 20 minutes later. All units cleared. Police filed a report.

9:13 a.m. - Caller stated company vehicle was broken into and tools were taken at Box Car Boulevard. Police sent and officer filed a report.

5:50 p.m. - Caller reported an unwanted person at McDonalds South. Manager stated they asked this person to leave several times and they refused. Police sent. The subject left the area. Police would stay in the area to see if he came back.

6:24 p.m. - Caller reported her boyfriend was extremely intoxicated and that she believed he needed medical assistance at Ames Hill Drive. Police and ambulance sent. The ambulance had one subject due to alcohol poisoning. Police

followed the ambulance to Saints Hospital.

Tuesday, December 31

4:56 p.m. - A 911 caller reported three males fighting at Motel 6. Police sent. Ambulance sent for an evaluation of male party. No medical attention needed. All parties were guests and the manager had asked them to leave. Officer filed a report.

8:33 p.m. - Police sent dye to fireworks in the area of Castle Street. They received a call reporting the same thing and they were more like bombs than fireworks. The police spoke to residents and advised them of the firework laws and confirmed they were done for the night.

8:56 p.m. - Police reported being flagged down for a noise complaint at Archstone Avenue. The caller stated kids blew air horns in the parking lot. Police sent and when no one was found, they spoke to the caller and would be making extra checks through the night.

Wednesday, January 1

2:37 a.m. - A 911 hang out from Hilton Garden Inn trying to get front desk on call back for room number. Front desk reported female party stated phone issue. Police sent. They spoke with the caller and it was confirmed that it was accidental.

11:58 a.m. - Nurse supervisor reported a family member was asked to leave and not return earlier in the week and shouldn't have come back until Thursday for a meeting with the facility at Blaire's House. Party was allowed to be there for the time being until management issues her the paperwork.

7:41 p.m. - Caller stated an injured raccoon in the middle of the road at Walgreens. Police and animal control sent. They advised no raccoon in this area.

7:48 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver weaving in and out of traffic at Andover Street and International Place. Vehicle described as a blue or dark-colored Honda sedan last seen driving into Andover on Route 133. Police sent. The vehicle was gone

at arrival.

Thursday, January 2

12:41 p.m. - Front desk reported an intoxicated naked male in the Motel 6 room that was refusing to check out. Police sent. Ambulance sent due to alcohol poisoning. They transported one to Saints Hospital. Police followed.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic operator south-bound on Main Street by Motel 6. Vehicle described as a blue Nissan Rogue. Police sent and stopped vehicle in the entrance to Walmart. Verbal warning for marked lanes violation.

Friday, January 3

2:09 a.m. - Police out with a vehicle at Breakaway Ice Center. Nothing suspicious and everything checked out ok.

10 a.m. - Police responded to speak with the Stadium Plaza female who believed she was being followed by a gray Bronco. Police checked the area, but gone on arrival.

1:43 p.m. - Housekeeping found what they believed was suspicious in a room when cleaning it out at Fairfield Inn. Police sent. Detective filed a report.

5:04 p.m. - Caller reported a black Honda Accord, white male laying in the vehicle had been there for about 30 minutes at Poland

Avenue. Police sent. They spoke to the suspect and he would be moving along. He was watching videos.

5:39 p.m. - Caller stated a male party in his late-20s rang her doorbell twice at Appletree Road. He wore a puffy coat and beanie hat. He left and then came back. He did not ring any neighbors doorbells. She had ring video and did not know who it was. Male party went toward Kennedy Road. Police sent but gone on arrival.

Saturday, January 4

12:18 a.m. - Employee of T.J. Callahan's requested to speak to an officer regarding what she believed was a bag of narcotics that she found at work. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

3:31 a.m. - There were approximately ten kids arguing and fighting across from the caller's residence at Chandler Street. At least one kid threw punches, according to the caller. He didn't think he made contact and no injuries. Police sent. No juveniles on scene. Verbal argument between two adult males because one couldn't find his keys and denied physical altercation.

6:13 a.m. - Caller put carpet down at Applebees Restaurant and stated employee left front door unsecured when leaving. Police sent. Key holders contacted with no response. Voice-

mail left. The police were unable to secure door and was left open by cleaners. No key holders responded, the police would head back to conduct walk through.

7:59 a.m. - Caller stated he believed someone threw drugs on the ground at East Street. A baggy wrapped up next to a black box in front of the cemetery near the rock wall. Police sent. They took possession of items. Officer filed a report.

11:02 p.m. - Caller reported receiving multiple annoying telephone calls at Heath Street. Police sent. Calls were coming from caller's grandson's friend. No threats were made. Caller was able to block the incoming number. Calls had stopped.

Sunday, January 5

12:54 a.m. - There was a white sedan with a bright light where the trailer hitch would be that parked at the top of the rockvale at Shawsheen Street. Occupant got out and back in. Then they sat in the car with no lights on. Vehicle pulled out, and took a right toward Andover. Police sent and reported gone on arrival.

12:51 pm - The walk in's 16-year old son had been buying alcohol at a liquor store in Tewksbury. Caller requested to speak to an officer. Police sent. Officer filed a report.



Wilmington Police Log

Two people arrested for OUI on New Year's Day

Tuesday, Dec. 24:

12:53 p.m.: A gray 2004 Toyota Corolla rear-ended a black 2022 BMW X3 near the CVS on Main Street. No injuries were reported, no airbags were deployed, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

1:36 p.m.: A blue 2016 GMC Terrain and a gray 2004 Toyota Corolla were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Dec. 25:

9:32 p.m.: A caller on North Street reported that their gray 2003 Toyota Echo was hit in a hit-and-run accident while parked on the road. The caller was unable to give a description of the car that hit theirs.

Thursday, Dec. 26:

2:24 a.m.: Checked on a car that was involved in a BOLO from the state police back in November in the parking lot of the Target on Ballardvale Street. The white 2003 Ford Mustang was found to be occupied by a woman who was between residences and would be moving into a new apartment soon.

Friday, Dec. 27:

4:30 a.m.: An undisclosed person was arrested after an employee at Mayflower Detox reported a man arrived for admission, but never entered the facility and quickly left the parking lot in a black pickup truck.

10:02 p.m.: A caller at Richdale on Middlesex Avenue reported a man left an infant unattended in his black Jeep Cherokee and went into the store for a while. The caller confronted the man about this, to which he grew irate and slammed the door on her. However, when police spoke with the registered owner of the black Jeep Cherokee, he reported that he didn't have a child with him and wasn't involved in the incident described.

6:13 p.m.: A caller on Greatneck Drive reported receiving a package he didn't order that had a barcode involved in a brushing scam.

Saturday, Dec. 28:

10:11 a.m.: Timothy M Alves of 5 Carson Ave., in Wilmington, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operation of an unregistered motor vehicle, and failure to notify the RMV of an address change. This followed a stop of his white 2020 Toyota Camry on the I-93 SB Rt. 34 Ramp.

11:22 a.m.: A red 2012 Toyota Tacoma drove into the Elia's on Middlesex Avenue. No injuries were reported, no airbags were deployed, and Elia's decided to remain open despite the accident.

Sunday, Dec. 29:

2:16 p.m.: A caller on Wildwood Street reported that two teens were trying to break into his barn out back,

which had "no trespassing" signs posted. Police found the teens, who were cooperative and were discovered to have been exploring the area. The teens were advised not to walk through private property.

3:29 p.m.: A caller reported that she went shopping at the Savers on Main Street and left, after which an employee called her and accused her of stealing. The caller is unsure how the store got her phone number, and was able to prove with receipts that she didn't steal anything. The manager apologized to the caller, but she declined and reported the matter to corporate.

7:01 p.m.: A caller reported a possible bonfire behind Jimmy's Garage on Main Street. Police located a bonfire, multiple airsoft guns, and bottles of pellets. It was found that the parties were having a fire and were about to start playing a game when police arrived, but police told them they would need an adult to accompany them if they wished to play. The parties left the area and the bonfire was extinguished.

Monday, Dec. 30:

7:16 a.m.: A DPW employee reported that a transformer blew near the DPW building on Andover Street, and the pole was now on fire. Police determined that the pole had likely been struck by a vehicle, as well as managed traffic in the area due to the traffic light being out. Verizon arrived and were able to get the traffic light working again.

1:35 p.m.: A white 2018 Hyundai Santa Fe and a blue 2021 Toyota Highlander were involved in a hit-and-run accident with a green Jeep on Main Street. No injuries were reported, and the Jeep was damaged on the front passenger side and left paint transfer on the white Hyundai.

Tuesday, Dec. 31:

12:01 a.m.: A caller on Horseshoe Lane reported their upstairs neighbor being loud, stomping around and banging. However, when police arrived, everything appeared to be quiet.

4:25 p.m.: A caller at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported that her white 2019

Toyota Rav4 was struck in the parking lot. Police obtained video footage of the accident from Target.

8:04 p.m.: A caller at Pacific Grove on Lowell Street reported an intoxicated man causing a disturbance in the bar area. The caller said the man was cut off from service, said "watch what I can do," and began antagonizing the other patrons. The dispute was verbal in nature, and everyone was sent on their way.

Wednesday, Jan. 1:

1:11 a.m.: Christopher Scott Ricci of 10 Babscott Lane, in Kingston, NH, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a lights violation, and not having a license in possession. This followed a stop of his white 2021 Toyota Corolla on Shawsheen Avenue.

2:30 a.m.: Kyle Nakamura of 27A Hawthorne St., in Woburn, was arrested for OUI- Liquor over .08%, an obstructed/non-transparent window, and a number plate violation. This followed a stop of his black 2013 G37 on Main Street.

3:27 a.m.: Ralph T Clerge of 220 Merrimack St., Apt. #418C, in Lowell, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08%. This followed his black 2018 Mercedes E-Class spinning out near exit 31.6 on the I-93 NB Hwy. Airbags were deployed, the passengers of the car were uncooperative, and there was a large amount of cash in the car that was counted and returned to the vehicle owner.

1:29 p.m.: Adora A Vega of 81 Judique Road, in Tewksbury, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle,

operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and not having a license in possession. This followed a stop of her black 2004 Honda CR-V on Main Street.

Thursday, Jan. 2:

6:05 a.m.: Faith Lurdes Cafua of 3 Tacoma St., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of her white 2015 Volkswagen Jetta on the Rt. 62 Hwy.

4:59 p.m.: A manager at the Firestone on Main Street reported that a customer was claiming his vehicle was damaged while in the shop, and was refusing to leave. Police were able to restore the peace and sent the customer on his way.



(Courtesy photo)

Tewksbury police seek help in IDing suspect in recent break-in at local business

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in connection to a recent break-in at a local business.

On Monday, Dec. 30 at approximately 5:25 a.m., Tewksbury police were dispatched to Kay's Hallmark Store, 1900 Main St. for reports of a back door that appeared to be wide open.

Upon arrival, officers checked the building for anything suspicious and found several ceiling tiles missing near the entrance. The cash registers appeared to be tampered with and mon-

ey was missing.

A preliminary investigation determined that the suspect entered the building through the roof and traveled through the air vents before entering the store. Tewksbury police searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

The suspect took an undisclosed amount of money from the registers.

The suspect is described as a male wearing a black hoodie, black pants, black sneakers, two-toned gray work gloves, and a red ski mask.

To view surveillance footage of the incident, visit <https://vimeo.com/104344995> and <https://vimeo.com/1043434986>.

Tewksbury Police also received a report of a suspicious male wearing a red ski mask, believed to be the suspect in the breaking and entering incident, who was seen walking on Shawsheen Road. To view video footage, visit <https://vimeo.com/1043444851>.

Anyone with information on this incident, or anyone who believes they recognize the suspect, is asked to call Tewksbury police at 978-851-7373 or to email tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov. Those who wish to send anonymous tips can do so by visiting: <https://tewksburyplce.com/anonymous-tips/>.

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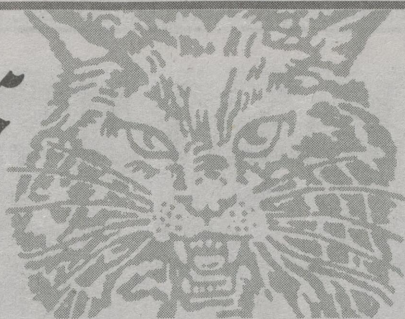
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Wilmington High Roundup:

Boys hockey team blasts Wakefield

Wildcats earn big Freedom Division victory over Warriors

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The Wilmington High boys hockey team improved to 3-4 overall last Saturday with a big 5-1 win over Wakefield.

Sophomore Ryan Archer had two goals and two assists to lead the Wildcats and senior captain Matt O'Brien had two goals and one assist. Junior Issac Tavares had three assists and senior Brennan Walsh had a goal.

Junior Colin Allard, junior Emrick O'Brien and sophomore Max Bagtaz all had one assist.

Senior goalie Tyler Marinho made 26 saves in net for Wildcats.

After hosting Stoneham on Tuesday night, Wilmington is back on the ice Saturday afternoon at the Ryan Rink in Watertown for a 4:20 p.m. game against the Raiders.

GYMNASTS DROP OPENER

The Wilmington High gymnastics team, a cooperative squad with Bedford this season, didn't have an easy assignment to start the 2025 campaign, but the Wildcats nearly pulled out a win against Reading.

WHS scored 135.15 points, just five away from the Rockets.

On vault, Noam Toledano and Lexie Masters led Wilmington/Bedford with respective scores of 9.5 and 9.05.

Masters and Maddie Plurad led the way on bars, balance beam and floor.

Masters had 36.95 as an all-around for Wilmington/Bedford while Plurad scored 34.75.

Wilmington is back in action on Thursday at Stoneham High against the Spartans. Next Monday, Wilmington will have another away meet in Woburn.

WRESTLERS BEAT BURLINGTON

The Wilmington High wrestling team earned its first win of the year last week against Burlington, edging the Red Devils by a 42-39 score.

WHS opened the year



Wilmington's Derek Perault (12) celebrates after scoring a goal during the first period of Tuesday's boys hockey game against Billerica. Wilmington fell 8-1 in non league action against Billerica.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

with losses to Melrose and Wakefield.

Against Burlington, the Wildcats won two weight classes by forfeit as Burlington did not have an opponent for Connor Canavari at 113 pounds or Colby O'Brien at 120.

At 132 pounds, Wilmington's John Murray won by disqualification while Mason Kwiatkowski won a tight match at 144, pinning Noah Farrow in the third period.

Wilmington won three other matches by fall.

Adam Saied pinned Emannick Carrasquillo in the third period at 157 pounds, Theo Bryson pinned Christos Tasiopoulos in 3:28 seconds at 165 and Mahaned Said pinned Christian Im in the third period at 190.

Jon Panatta didn't win his heavyweight match for the Wildcats, but battled to a 12-5 decision loss against Tyler Vadnais of Burlington, preventing the Red Devils from picking up three big extra points.

GIRLS HOCKEY

WORKING HARD

The Wilmington/Stoneham girls hockey team is 1-4-2 after seven games.

The team beat Masconomet Regional and tied Framingham and Newburyport.

Losses have come to Reading, Burlington, Winchester and Woburn.

In a 4-2 loss to Reading on Saturday night at Burbank Arena the newly-minted coaching tandem of Bob Wiecezorek and Taylor Bergstrom would agree that it could have been far worse if not for the brilliant performance of freshman netminder Emma Allard, who withstood 42 Reading shots.

Much like her predecessor, Maddie Sainato, Allard seems destined to become a premier goaltender in the Middlesex Freedom League and Division 2 hockey.

"Emma works hard in practice every day," said Wiecezorek, who coached girl's hockey with Matignon and Winchester before accepting the Stoneham-Wilmington vacancy this season. "She's a freshman, our only goalie, and she comes ready to play, for both practices and games."

The 21-player squad is predominately made up of skaters from Stoneham, which has been the case each year since the programs combined in 2021. Currently, six athletes hail from Wilmington, including goaltender Allard.

The top scoring line features sophomore Dani Chillemi centering sophomore Olivia Raposa and junior Vivien Savoie.

Along with a new coaching staff, Stoneham-Wilmington has undated uniforms and after several years without, has adopted Sparta-Cats as the team nickname. There is some debate on that moniker, however. According to Coach Bergstrom, the girls have bandied about an alternate of their own choosing — SWU.

Despite a 12-5 shot count in Reading's favor, Stoneham-Wilmington emerged from the first period with a 1-0 lead. Chillemi knocked in the go-ahead goal just 28 seconds into the contest, winning the battle with Rockets goalie Audrey Veilleux for a loose puck in the crease.

Reading moved ahead with a pair five minutes apart in the middle frame. Lily Rodgers buried an

Wilmington's Ryan Archer (20) moves the puck up the ice during Tuesday's boys hockey game. Wilmington fell 8-1 in non league action against Billerica.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Stoneham's Michaela Henaghan steals the puck from Reading Kayla Cox during Saturday's hockey game at Burbank Arena. Reading earned a 4-2 victory.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

equalizer while skating on a man advantage, and moments later, Danielle Bowers snuck one under the crossbar.

Early in the third, Stoneham-Wilmington capitalized on the power play, breaking in 3-on-1 when a Rocket defender stumbled at the blue line. Savoie

drilled home her fifth of the season to tie it, from Raposa, at 11:32.

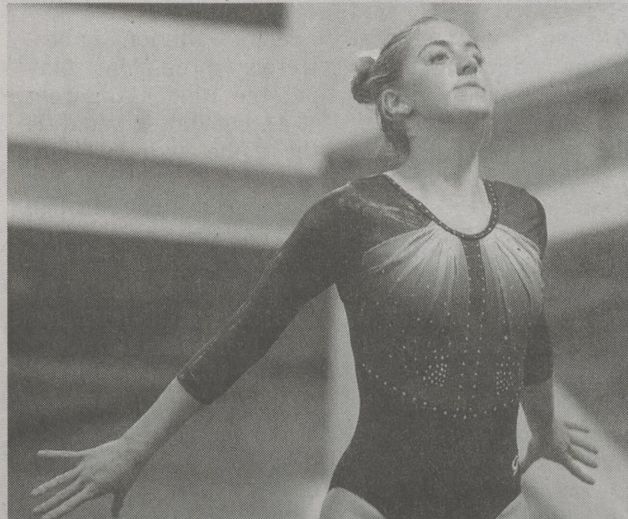
Reading put on a shooting clinic for the remainder of the game, ultimately beating Allard for a pair to improve to 3-0 on the season. Stoneham-Wilmington fell to 0-3-1 overall.

"They fight hard every

game and our record doesn't indicate the type of team that we have," said Wiecezorek, who has only one senior on his roster. "We're playing a lot of large teams while we're a small. But they get better every day and I'm pleased with the way they played tonight."



▲ Wilmington's Lexie Masters performs on the balance beam during Thursday's gymnastics competition against Reading.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Wilmington's Emma Callahan performs on the balance beam during Thursday's gymnastics competition against Reading.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)



Wilmington's Cameron Molina competes in the 55m dash during Thursday's track meet in Boston. Molina placed sixth in his heat, with a time of 7.35. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

Track teams split with Burlington

Boys shatter two school records in meet with Red Devils

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The Wilmington High boys and girls track teams competed against Burlington on Thursday, Jan. 2 at the New Balance Track.

The WHS girls won by a score of 61-39 to improve their record to 3-0.

Standing out for the Wildcats was Giselle Olatilu as she qualified for the Division 4 State meet in the

hurdles with a time of 10.12 seconds and then she won the high jump with a personal best jump of 4 feet, 8 inches.

Other first-place finishes for Wilmington included the 4 x 200 relay team of Kayleigh Walker, Cate MacDonald, Avery King, Lexi LeBlanc, who win in 1:50.2 and the 4 x 400 relay combination of Isabel Carriere, Maeve White, Olivia Neceforo, winners in 4:36.31.

In the 55 meter dash,

LeBlanc was first in 7.54 and MacDonald was second in 7.86.

LeBlanc won the long jump with a distance of 16 feet, 1 inch and Sam Glaser took third, leaping 13-7.25.

White and Niceforo went 1-2 in the 600-meter run with respective times of 1:54.18 and 1:55.26.

In the high jump, the Wildcats went 1-2. Giselle Olatilu won, clearing 4 feet, 8 inches, and Abby Engvaldson was second with the same height.

In the 300-meter run, Isabel Carriere won in 44.71 seconds.

Second-place points were scored by Olatilu in the 55-meter hurdles, Charlotte Kiley in the 1000-meter run and Abby Howie in the shot put.

Chipping in with third-place points were Engvaldson in the hurdles, Kaitlyn Shackelford in the mile and Cayley Israelson in the two mile.

The WHS boys fell by a

score of 61-39, the first loss of the year for the Wildcats.

Two school records were set as Martin Philiossaint broke the school record in the long jump (20 feet, 6 inches, beating the record of 20-5 set by Jimmy DiNuccio in 2009) and Ashvin Baker once again lowered his school record in the 300 meters as he ran 35.48 seconds.

Baker won both the 300 and the high jump (5 feet, 4 inches).

Wilmington's other win was the 4 x 400 relay team of Cam Jenks, Dean Ciampa, Cooper Holleran and Baker, who won in 3:39.92.

WHS went 2-3 in two races.

In the mile, Gavin Dong (4:51.82) and Jake Cronin (5:07.67) were second and third while Dean Ciampa (2:48.74) and Cooper Holleran (2:57.19) went 2-3 in the 1000-meter run.

Scoring other second-place points for Wilmington was Philiossaint in the

dash, Gavin Dong in the two mile, Cam Jenks in the 600.

Adding third-place performances were Ben Harris in the high jump, Marvins Jean in the long jump. The teams had a few athletes compete at the MSTCA Small Schools Freshman/Sophomore Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston on Sunday.

Earning medals were Charlotte Kiley in the two mile with a time of 12:46.75 and the girls 4 x 200 relay team of Kayleigh Walker, Celina Vo, Avery King and Isabel Carriere who placed 3rd in a time of 1:54.69.

The next meet for the Wildcats is on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 against Melrose at Boston University.



▲ At the MSTCA Small Schools Freshman/Sophomore Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston on Sunday, the girls 4 x 200 relay team of Kayleigh Walker, Celina Vo, Avery King and Isabel Carriere placed 3rd in a time of 1:54.69. (Courtesy photo)

Huge win for boys basketball

Wildcats rally to beat Watertown in overtime

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Remember this one. Anyone associated with the Wilmington High boys basketball team.

Remember this one. Last Friday, the Wildcats pulled off quite a victory, beating visiting Watertown in overtime, 55-52.

▲ Ayden Balter looks to make a pass. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

The 'Cats led by as many as nine in the second quarter, but let the lead slip away. The Raiders had a five-point lead, 41-36, early in the fourth quarter before Wilmington rallied and forced overtime.

In the extra four minutes, junior Will Poyant started the scoring with a 3-pointer and the Wildcats never gave up that lead.

After Watertown big man William Carty scored inside, Wilmington junior Connor Sullivan converted a layup.

Two defensive plays kept the Raiders off the board as junior Roman Synnott's quick feet on defense forced a traveling violation and senior Kyle Gabaree earned a solid defensive rebound, boxing out and keeping Carty away from the ball.

Sullivan hit one foul shot with 22 seconds left to put Wilmington up four, 52-48, and then added another after the Raiders committed a violation inbound the ball.

A layup by Watertown senior Aiden Didovic cut the lead to three with 11 seconds to go, but Sullivan iced the game with two free throws with just six ticks on the clock.

Raider senior Christopher Essieh put back an offensive rebound as the buzzer sounded to produce the final score.

"We played well," said WHS coach Anthony Faradie. "We're trying to build the program and we showed a lot of character. To be able to close out a tight game like that is huge."

This was a full team effort.

Up 12-10 early in the second quarter, Wilmington used a 3-pointer by Sullivan and a 9-3 surge moments later to take a 25-16 lead.

Sullivan had six of the nine points in the Wildcat run, two off of a nice feed from Gabaree, while Gabaree added a foul shot and junior Noah Titter-

ington also scored, tossing in a layup off of a beautiful assist by senior Ayden Balter.

The Raiders ended the quarter with an 8-2 spurt and trailed by three at halftime, 27-24.

Watertown scored the first seven points of the third quarter before Balter stopped the bleeding with a 3-pointer.

A 12-foot jumper by Sullivan and a pair of Balter free throws after junior Ryan Gray's steal put the 'Cats up 34-31.

The teams were tied after three quarters, 36-36.

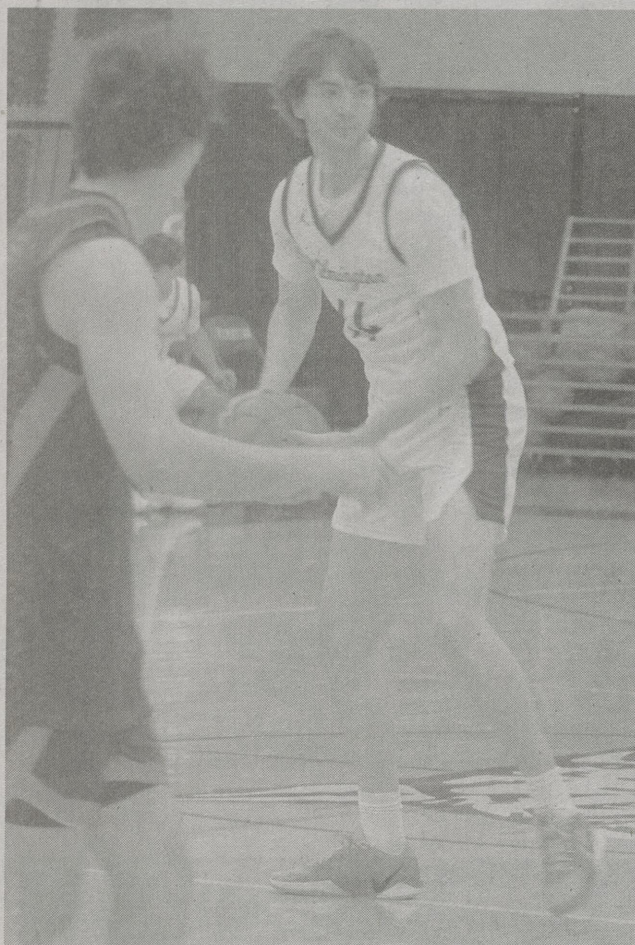
The Raiders led 43-39 after a driving hoop by Didovic, but Wilmington had one surge left.

Balter scored inside before another defensive stop by Synnott set up a huge 3-pointer by Poyant that gave Wilmington a 44-43 lead.

Senior Olivier Labossiere's three-point play put the Raiders in front 46-44, but Balter would tie the game with 1:17 left, missing a 3-pointer but hustling to the rebound and converting a layup.

Neither team scored in the final 77 seconds. Balter made a nice defensive play in the closing seconds of regulation, tying up Carty for a jump ball.

"Our kids had two great practices going into today," Faradie said. "To be able to see the hard work pay off is big for building a program. We're excited."



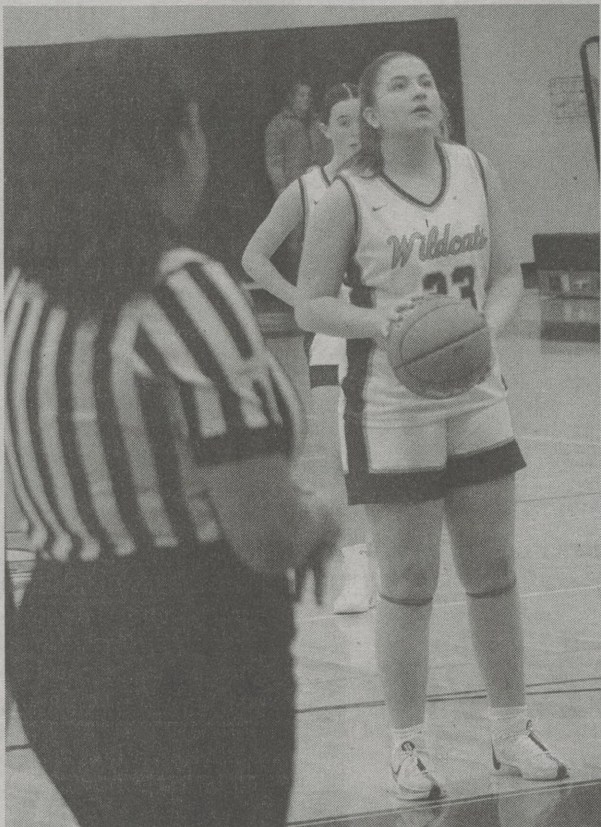
Connor Sullivan makes a move to the basket against Watertown. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Slow start hurts girls hoop team again

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If these games could just start at halftime....
After losing to Tewksbury in the consolation game of Tewksbury's Christmas tournament

when a late rally fell seven points short, the Wilmington High girls basketball team followed a similar script at home against Watertown last Friday, falling 49-42.
The Wildcats were outscored 30-16 in the first

half and trailed 33-21 halfway through the third quarter before things got interesting.
Wilmington went on a 10-1 run over the next few minutes, cutting the Raider lead to only three (34-31) late in the quarter.
Watertown scored five straight points to close out the stanza and added another basket to lead 41-31 in the opening moments of the fourth quarter before Wilmington made one final charge.
Down 44-35, the 'Cats outscored Watertown by a 7-2 margin over the next four minutes.
Junior Ali McElligott made a steal and swished a jump shot.
After a Raider basket, junior Erin McCarthy hit a corner 3-pointer.
A hustle play by McElligott forced a Watertown miss and McElligott tossed in a layup moments later after a perfect, long pass from senior Eva Boudreau that made it 46-42.
The Wildcats had several chances to get even closer, but three straight turnovers proved crucial. Watertown made three of four free throws in the last minute.
The 'Cats scored the



▲ Senior Leah Murphy takes a foul shot.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Erin McCarthy (left) dribbles away from Watertown defenders.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

first basket of the game, a layup by Alle Delgenio, before Watertown scored the next 10 points for a 10-2 lead.
The Raiders led 16-8 after one quarter.
A 3-pointer by junior Erin McCarthy cut the

lead to 18-15 before Watertown used a 12-1 surge to close out the half with a 14-point lead (30-16).
Down 33-21 in the third, Wilmington went on a 10-1 spurt.
Delgenio put back the rebound of her own miss,

Boudreau swished a 3-pointer and McCarthy had a steal and layup to make it 34-28.
A steal by senior Leah Murphy set up a free throw by Boudreau before Boudreau's driving layup cut the lead to three.



▲ The Shawsheen Tech girls hockey team is off to a solid start this season.
(Joe Brown photo)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Boys basketball remains undefeated

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After six games, the Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team is a perfect 6-0 including a win at the Lowell Catholic holiday tournament.

The Rams have won several tight games already this season.

On Friday, Jan. 3, Shawsheen improved to 6-0 with a 61-52 win against Lowell Catholic.

At Lowell Catholic's tournament, the Rams won two close games, topping Londonderry, N.H. by a 58-53 score in the semifinals and Hollis Brookline, N.H. in the title game, 57-51.

Other Shawsheen wins this season have come against KIPP Academy, Lynn Tech and Greater Lowell.

The Rams, who played at Greater Lawrence on Tuesday, are back on the floor Friday with a trip to Worcester Tech.

BOYS HOCKEY OFF TO GOOD START

The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team is 4-2-1 after its first seven games.

After losing to Marblehead to open the year, the Rams have gone 4-1-1 with its only loss coming to Wilmington by a 2-1 score.

Shawsheen most recently trounced Minuteman Regional by a 10-0 score, but also earned victories over Winnacunnet, 8-0, Haverhill, 7-1 and Bishop Fenwick, 7-2.

Shawsheen also tied Essex Tech, 3-3.

The Rams play the next

two Thursday nights at home, hosting Nashoba Tech/Greater Lowell on Jan. 9 and Rockport on Jan. 16.

Against Winnacunnet, Shawsheen led 2-0 after one period on goals by junior Justin Thibert and junior Jacoby Patterson.

Freshman Josh Baker, senior Jason Spaniol and senior Larry Cullity made it 5-0 after two periods and freshman Justin Harrington and junior Charlie Shannon scored in the third period with Harrington scoring two goals.

The game against Essex was a thriller.

The Rams led 2-1 after two periods before Essex rallied to move ahead with just 3:22 left.

Shawsheen would tie the score with only five seconds to go as Patterson scored, assisted by Thibert.

Thibert and Cullity had the first two goals for Shawsheen.

Against Minuteman, the Rams had seven different players score at least one goal.

Patterson scored three times and senior Zack



▲ Shawsheen Tech's Nate Smith (33) makes a pass under pressure from multiple Londonderry defenders during Friday's boys basketball game at Lowell Catholic. Shawsheen was a 58-53 winner.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Timmons had two while others scoring goals included Thibert, junior

Jake Carr, Spaniol, senior Dylan Higson and junior Brayden Johnson.

Senior goalie Aidan Fortunato has been outstanding in goal for the Rams. Against Minuteman, sophomores Dylan Mainini and Matt Boyer split the shutout between the pipes.

this season have come against Gloucester, Newburyport, Weston/Wayland and Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

The Rams lost to Central Catholic in overtime and also fell to Waltham on Jan. 4.

WRESTLERS STILL UNDEFEATED

Shawsheen Tech's wrestling team won its third tournament of the year last weekend, capturing an event hosted by Sanford, Maine.

The Rams already won the Lowell Holiday Tournament and the Blue Devil Classic in Salem, N.H. In dual meet action, Shawsheen has an 8-0 record with victories including Chelmsford, St. John's Prep, Andover and Woburn.

At a quad meet that included the wins against St. John's, Chelmsford and Salem, N.H., freshman Tristen Lane (150 pounds), junior Logan Holmes (175), sophomore Quinn Carbone (157), sophomore Jaron Molgard and the Tildsley Brothers (James and Sid) all went undefeated for the Rams.

GIRLS HOOP 1-2

The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team opened its season with a 24-15 win against Notre Dame Academy before falling to Melrose and Cardinal Spellman in its next two contests.

Shawsheen hosted Northeast Regional on Tuesday before road games against Minuteman on Wednesday and Mystic Valley on Friday.

GIRLS HOCKEY STARTS FAST

With a 6-0 win against Wakefield on Monday, the Shawsheen Tech girls hockey team moved its record to 5-2.

The Rams return to the ice on Saturday to play Acton-Boxborough at the Nashoba Valley Rink starting at 6:55 p.m.

Other Shawsheen wins



A Shawsheen girls basketball player makes a move to the basket.
(Joe Brown photo)



▲ The U11 Valley Junior Warriors Elite hockey club won the coveted 2024 Bell Capital Cup title with a 4-3 victory in the championship game. (Courtesy photo)

Local players spark youth hockey team to championship

A local trio of talented young athletes from Tewksbury and Wilmington recently competed in the prestigious 2024 Bell Capital Cup in Ottawa, one of the largest and most renowned youth hockey tournaments in Canada.

Thomas Fennelly (Wilmington, #36), Kaiden Foster (Tewksbury, #24) and AJ Wagstaff (Tewksbury, #8) play for the U11 Valley Junior Warriors Elite hockey club.

The team, which has been making waves in regional

competitions, faced off against top-tier teams from the United States and Canada (Ontario Cobras, Nepean Ottawa Raiders, Mississauga Ontario Senators to name a few).

Relying on their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship, the trio helped lead their team to a 6-0 record and the coveted 2024 Bell Capital Cup title with a 4-3 victory in the championship game.

The tournament, which attracts hockey enthusiasts from all over, offered

these rising stars a chance to showcase their skills all while making connections with other young athletes from around the globe, whether it would through team pin trading, skills competitions, or taking in World Junior Championship games (Germany vs. Finland and Team USA vs. Latvia).

Congratulations to Fennelly, Foster, and Wagstaff, and the entire Valley Junior Warrior Team on this tremendous accomplishment.

Thomas Fennelly of Wilmington, Kaiden Foster of Tewksbury and AJ Wagstaff of Tewksbury played for the U11 Valley Junior Warriors Elite hockey club at a recent tournament in Canada. (Courtesy photo)



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Jean. A. Chang

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Jean A. Chang, age 81, passed away peacefully, with her family by her side on Dec. 30, 2024, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington. She fought a brave battle for the past year, and even until her last day, she never gave up.

Jean was born in Winchester on Feb. 4, 1943. She grew up and spent her life in Wilmington. She graduated from Wilmington High School in 1961 and has maintained dear friendships with her childhood friends Rose (Dukus) Henneberger and Terri (Enos) Johnston.

Since childhood, she played piano and guitar and spent many years singing and playing professionally in a band. The house was always full of music, and she was known for making up hilarious songs on the spot while she accompanied on the piano. She passed her gift of music on to her son who also is an accomplished guitar player and lover of music.

In 1967, Jean married William (Bill) McAuliffe at St. Thomas's Church in Wilmington. They moved to Reading briefly before settling in Wilmington. They welcomed their two children, Kerry McAuliffe (7/14/1973) and then Liane McAuliffe (6/27/1974) and they spent over 20 years together on Dadant Drive.

They enjoyed skiing together and had amazing adventures sailing throughout the Caribbean.

She later met her current husband, John, while working as the Administrator for Suburban Healthcare Center in Andover, where he was working as a physician. They fell in love and were married at the Danversport Yacht Club on June 18, 1995.

Kerry and Liane served as Best Man, and Maid of Honor, respectively. They enjoyed ballroom dancing together with their dance group and spent many nights singing karaoke together at home with family and friends.

Jean was an extremely accomplished career woman and began working at age 16 for a local business in Wilmington. While caring for her family she found time to get her Bachelor's, and then her Master's degrees, from Merrimack College.

She had a long career in healthcare where she worked as the Administrator for Suburban Healthcare in Andover, then as the Executive Director of Lawrence General Health Enterprises.

She most recently worked as the Executive Director for Andover OB/Gyn where she worked full-time until her 80th birthday. She passed this unwavering work ethic to her

daughter who also started working in healthcare at Winchester Family Medical Center at age 16, alongside her mother.

Jean will be remembered for her kindness and generosity. She would always make videos, paintings, or photos for everyone without being asked. She has touched so many lives by creating art for friends and family to commemorate a loss or just to cheer them up.

She will also be remembered for her lifelong love of animals, particularly dogs. Jean and John adopted their first dog Chester shortly after their marriage, and that started an enduring mission of rescuing elderly or abused dogs in need.

She would not just adopt one dog, she would adopt three. Since she was so talented in photography, videography, and photoshop, there would always be a new movie about the dogs, most notably "The Chester Show," or "Into the Light," which was a story of how poor Chester went blind and she insisted that he, at age 12, get cataract surgery so he could see again.

She was also an exceptional cook and would prepare gourmet meals while sipping a Manhattan in her kitchen and chatting with family. On Thanksgiving she'd typically dance with the turkey, while saying "Isn't it just beautiful" in her best Julia Child voice. Obviously, she was also quite hilarious.

Jean had so many passions and hobbies, and it seemed that there was nothing that she could not teach herself and master in no time. She started her art career in photography. She could often be found lying on the ground in a teepee in the backyard waiting to get a glimpse of an illusive fox or deer.

She later started painting and was exceptionally skilled in watercolors, oil, and acrylics. She had multiple commissioned works and would be up until 3 a.m. painting someone's grandchildren or pets.

She became the Director for the Council of Arts in Wilmington and won many awards for her amazing paintings, and even has her artwork featured in a wing of Lawrence General Hospital.

Jean had so many accomplishments and talents, but the one accomplishment that far surpasses them all, is her role as a mother. She loved her children more than anything and could not have been more generous with her love and support. She was always so proud of her children whether it was watching Kerry winning a pool match online



Rosemarie R. (DiFazio) Hewitt

Traveled throughout New England, Canada

Rosemarie R. (DiFazio) Hewitt, age 79, of Dracut, formerly a long-time resident of Tewksbury, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 29, 2024.

Rosemarie was born on Aug. 20, 1945, in Somerville; she was the cherished daughter of the late Gaetano and Marie G. (Castagneto) DiFazio. Rosemarie was raised in Tewksbury as part of a loving family of four children and graduated from Tewksbury High School.

Rosemarie met the "love of her life" Charles E. "Chuck" Hewitt, in 10th grade. They dated for a few years before marrying on May 1, 1965; they were looking forward to celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Rosemarie and Chuck settled in Tewksbury where they raised their four children, Denise, Gena, Michael and David. They spent more than 50 years in Tewksbury before relocating to Dracut 27 years ago.

Rosemarie worked in the Mental Health office of Teamsters Local 25, where she enjoyed her administrative position and was very dedicated to her responsibilities, retiring after 15 years with the union. Prior to that, she spent many years working for a local newspaper as a night shift supervisor.

Rosemarie will be remembered for her kindness, caring, all-inclusive nature and love for her husband, children, grand-

children, great grandchildren, extended family, and friends. And for the exceptional care that she and Chuck provided to their late parents.

She enjoyed being in the kitchen cooking, baking, and being surrounded by family, hosting big family get-togethers on holidays and birthdays. She often could be found at the kitchen table chatting with family and friends over coffee.

After retirement, Rosemarie and Chuck took an interest in genealogy. They traveled throughout New England and Canada, in search of facts about their families.

In her spare time, she enjoyed quilting, crocheting, knitting, and playing "words with friends" and accompanying Chuck to local classic and hot rod car shows.

Rosemarie was the beloved wife of Charles E. Hewitt, devoted mother of Denise Sencabaugh and her husband Stephen of Tewksbury, Gena Dukett and her husband Russell of Nashua, NH, the late Michael Hewitt and his wife Stacey Timmons of Billerica, and David Hewitt and his companion Denise Dube of Manchester, NH, loving "Nana" of Jeremy, Gregory, Russell, Jr., Emily, Nikole, Heather and Sophia, "Great Nana" of Mackenzie, Cameron, Aiden, Destiny, Charleigh and Sawyer, dear sister of Anthony DiFazio and his late wife Pat of Seabrook,



NH, Angela Zengilowski and her husband John of Virginia Beach, VA, and Marie Longo & her husband Bill of Wilmington.

Rosemarie is also survived by her cousin Anthony Travers, as well as many other loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main Street, (Rt. 38), Wilmington at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Tewksbury. Visiting hours were held at the funeral home on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Rosemarie's name may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, PO Box 91891, Washington, D.C. 20090 - 1891.

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Planned power outage for parts of Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY

National Grid has rescheduled the planned power outage for parts of South Lowell and Tewksbury to Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, from 9 p.m. to approximately 5 a.m.

This outage is necessary to make improvements to the electrical system, ensuring safe and reliable service.

Affected streets in Lowell and Tewksbury include:

- 71, 78 Armand Ave.
- 15-79 Armand St.
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- 3-26 Bristol St.
- 4-27 Canterbury St.
- 5-15, 18-21, 33-78 Christman Ave.
- 0-142 Common wealth Ave.
- 2-51 Crystal St.
- 0-114 Delmont Ave.
- 22, 36, 50-55, 60-66, 72, 75, 84-102 Elm Ave.
- 52 Felker Ave.
- 0, 42, 105, 109 Felker St.
- 1, 3, 11, 30-104 Forest Ave.
- 11-60 Greenwood Ave.
- 22-94 Highland Ave.
- 0-83 Jean Ave.
- 21 Kernwood Ave.
- 0-81 Lowell St.
- 11-94 Rumford St.
- 0, 293-522 Woburn St.

If inclement weather occurs, the work will move to Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, during the same hours. In the event of inclement weather on both days, the work will be rescheduled.

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REBEKKA ABREU - TEWKSBURY, MA
MICHELLE CRAIG - SOMERVILLE, MA
JARED GUTO - WOBURN, MA**

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Meeting ID 817 8920 1176; Passcode 231930;
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www.laassoc.com

Tewksbury Town Hall
and Public Library



Nancy J. (Wrenn) Steen

Very active in the Wilmington community

Nancy J. (Wrenn) Steen, 87, a long-time Wilmington resident, passed away peacefully on Dec. 31, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on Feb. 21, 1937, in Boston, Nancy was the cherished daughter of Daniel J. and MaryEllen (Daly) Wrenn. Raised in Charlestown, she was part of a large, loving Irish family.

Nancy married the love of her life, Joseph M. Steen, on June 30, 1957. They moved to Wilmington in 1962, where they raised seven children.

Nancy was a devoted homemaker who cherished her roles as wife, mother and nana. The Steen home was always open, offering warmth, hugs and a place to rest.

Active in her community, Nancy was a Blue Bird and Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, Eucharistic Minister, and past president of Auxiliary Post 136 Wilmington. She and Joe co-founded J&B Catering,

marched in Memorial Day parades, and volunteered for Local Heroes.

Nancy was the beloved wife of the late Joseph M. Steen, devoted mother of Deborah and Joe Stygles, the late Joseph P. Steen, Richard R. Steen, Nancy J. Steen, Karen and Michael Lucier, Robert and Terry Steen, and Mary Ellen Steen Deschenes and Marc Cierri.

She was a loving "Nana" to 21 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Nancy was a dear sister to Barbara Marsden, Danny and Amy Wrenn, Johnny and Linda Wrenn, and the late MaryEllen Howell, Carol Wrenn, and Joe Wrenn.

She was also a cherished sister-in-law, friend, and aunt to many.

Family and friends will gather at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas of



Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 10 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Nancy's name may be made to Local Heroes, Inc., P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **January 22, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.** within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, for a NOI application filed by Troy Stearns for addition to single family home within 100' of bordering vegetative wetland.

The property subject to this application is located at **10 SESAME ST TEWKSBURY, MA, Assessor's Map 9-52.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair

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The property subject to this application is located at **45 PINE ST TEWKSBURY, MA, Assessor's Map 45-54.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

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Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
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MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P6739EA

Estate of: John F Stira
Also Known As:
John Stira, Jackie Stira
Date of Death:
November 1, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elissa M. Faulkner of Tewksbury MA**

Elissa M. Faulkner of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
AND MAILING

Docket No. WO24D0478DR

Georgianna Gravlin vs.
Nathan Gravlin

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **Cruel Abusive Treatment**

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Georgianna Gravlin
Restricted Information

your answer, if any, on or before **02/06/2025**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court

Date: November 8, 2024

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P6794EA

Estate of:
Mary M Manseau
Also known as:
Mary Margaret Manseau
Date of Death: 11/17/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Sean Manseau of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Sean Manseau of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate, to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/03/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 6, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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OBITUARY

Catherine A. (Venuti) Bimbo
Talented seamstress

Catherine A. (Venuti) Bimbo, age 97, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Jan. 1, 2025, at the Sawtelle Hospice House in Reading.

Kay was born on Oct. 9, 1927, in Chelsea; she was the dear daughter of the late Antonio and Concetta (Guida) Venuti. Kay was raised and educated in Lexington.

Kay married her husband, Sabino Bimbo, and they settled in Wilmington over 70 years ago. Kay and Sabino had many wonderful memories that included both sides of their families; they treated their nieces and nephews as their own.

Kay was a talented seamstress, and she enjoyed making doll clothes and dance recital costumes for all her nieces. Kay and Sabino enjoyed taking road trips and Kay later enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Hawaii and Italy.

Kay worked as an office manager for Ramsey Welding until her 85th birthday when she retired. Kay was very organized and thoroughly enjoyed working with her coworkers and customers.

Kay was very involved

in St. Dorothy's Church; she attended Mass regularly and volunteered regularly at church events. Kay belonged to the Ladies Sodality and the choir, where she met many friends and enjoyed their company.

She was extremely talented and donated her time and talents to the church, often embroidering vestments and altar cloths. Kay painted a picture of the church and donated it to be displayed by the entrance. She enjoyed organizing the Christmas Bizarre where she sold her crafts and embroidered pieces to fundraise for the church.

Kay was a wonderful aunt; her family was most important to her. She was a great organizer and enjoyed joining the Venuti and the Bimbo families with holiday parties and other special occasions.

Kay was the "life of the party" and her family knew that if she was hosting or organizing an event, it was going to be fun! She never missed a family function and attended her niece and nephews sporting and school events regularly.

Kay treasured her relationships with her family and friends and was wonderful at keeping those relationships close. Throughout her life, she created new social circles everywhere she went; Kay was a "social butterfly" and loved finding out new things about those she met.

She belonged to the Wilmington Senior Center and travelled several times with the Wilmington Recreation Department. Kay had fun wherever she went and made sure others had fun, too.

Kay will be remembered as a fiercely independent lady; she lived on her own and drove herself until she was 95. She had a fun-loving personality and a great sense of humor.

She kept herself busy with her family and friends, often visiting new restaurants and attending shows. She will be greatly missed.

Kay was the beloved wife of the late Sabino Bimbo, dear sister of the late Joseph and Jane Venuti, the late Rose Venuti, the late Joanne and Lee Roy Berry, and the late Nicholas Venuti, devoted aunt of Anthony Venuti, Joseph Venuti, James Ven-



uti, Rebecca Lespasio, Constance Cataldo, Mary Ann Villeneuve, Annette Karl, James Bimbo, Lorraine Gervais, Robin Costa, Cheryl Camacho, and Susan Sartori.

Kay is also survived by many great and great-nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 9:30-10:30 immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St., (Rte. 38), Wilmington at 11 a.m. Interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Memorial donations in Kay's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Healey-Driscoll Administration
awards \$1.8M to improve access
to reproductive health care

BOSTON — The Department of Public Health (DPH) announced \$1.8 million in state funding awarded to a group of community-based organizations and clinical providers under the Reproductive Health Access, Infrastructure, and Security Grants program. The funding provides financial assistance to individuals seeking abortion care, while also improving the ability of abortion service providers to deliver high-quality care by supporting infrastructure and security upgrades.

This allocation marks the second round of awards under DPH's Reproductive Health Access, Infrastructure, and Security Grants program. The funding began in December 2024 and will continue through Dec. 31, 2026.

"It is essential for women's health and economic wellbeing to have access to high-quality reproductive health care services," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grants will help ensure that cost is not a barrier for anyone to seek the care they need, while also supporting our hardworking service providers in making critical infrastructure and security upgrades that allow them to deliver safe, high-quality care. Massachusetts is proud to be a

national leader in preserving and expanding access to reproductive health care, and we're going to continue to make sure that patients and providers have the resources they need."

"Our administration remains committed to protecting and expanding access to reproductive health services, particularly in communities that have faced the greatest disparities in access," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "These grants are critical to preserving the ability of all individuals to make the health care decisions that are right for them and have access to the services they need when they need them."

The increased demand for abortion services in Massachusetts since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022 underscores the importance of supporting abortion providers in the state. This funding will enable Massachusetts residents as well as those traveling to Massachusetts for abortion care to receive safe, high-quality care in clinics with appropriate security and infrastructure. The grants also support all of Massachusetts' abortion funds, which provide small grants to individuals who need financial support to

access abortion care.

Additionally, recipients will also upgrade facilities and equipment, increase physical and digital security, provide grants to patients to help them afford abortion care, and projects to maximize access to abortion services such as improving inter-organizational referrals and continuity of care.

In awarding the grants, priority was given to organizations that demonstrated the capacity to reach people seeking abortion care, a commitment and plan for promoting racial justice and health equity, and the ability to work collaboratively with other community-based agencies to maximize access to sexual and reproductive health services, including abortion care.

"These grants are an important step in our efforts to sustain reproductive health care in Massachusetts and will enable people to receive informed care when and where they need it," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh. "We're proud to support the dedicated providers who are on the front lines of delivering these health care services."

"This funding will help us build stronger, more resilient systems that prioritize racial justice and health equity under the overarching effort to pre-

serve the fundamental right to make informed decisions about one's own reproductive health," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "We must continue to lead the nation in safeguarding reproductive health care because the well-being and autonomy of our citizens are paramount. We will always stand strong in our commitment to reproductive freedom."

New Reproductive Health Access, Infrastructure, and Security Grants recipients:

- Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts
- Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund
- Four Women Health Services

Existing Reproductive Health Access, Infrastructure, and Security Grants recipients:

- Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center
- Boston Medical Center
- Cambridge Health Alliance
- Health Imperatives
- HealthQ
- Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts
- Tapestry Health
- Tides for Reproductive Freedom
- Women's Health Services

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Middlesex Division
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P6486EA

Estate of:
Michael F Breen
Also Known As:
Michael Francis Breen
Date of Death:
September 19, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Edmund A**

Kinsella of Marshfield MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Edmund A Kinsella of Marshfield MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI24P6674EA

Estate of: Debra Lee Bent
Date of Death:
10/10/23

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Susan J. Bent of Exeter, NH**

Susan J. Bent of Exeter, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Fire dept. shares concerns with Main Street plan

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landscaping, adding specification to the lighting plan, showing how the ladder truck could enter the site, and other detail specifications.

Gingrich shared the comments of the town engineer and the fire department. The fire department said that they couldn't swing into opposing traffic to turn onto the site and the entrance was restricted, and engineering wanted to see the fire hydrant be relocated as part of the scope of work as it didn't appear to comply with the minimum driveway entrance requirement.

Roy countered that it was possible for the ladder truck to turn into the driveway.

Boland asked if the truck hit the chainlink fence upon turning in.

The applicant pointed out that there may be more room to enter if they moved the parking temporarily to the back of the site.

Attorney Mike Newhouse said that they believed the building was compliant with the FTA standard for CMR of 50 feet setback from the access road. He suggested that it would be impractical for the appli-

cant to spend upwards of \$25,000 for the cost and time associated with the curb cut permit to move the fire hydrant.

Roy proposed that they create a temporary solution of moving the parking to the back of the building until the Mass DOT project to move the hydrant is completed. Boland agreed that this seemed acceptable and suggested that they bring this to the fire department for review.

Gingrich lastly highlighted that there was some light spillage which the board usually prefers to be removed.

This project was continued to February.

A site plan review waiver and groundwater protection district special permit was considered for 730 Main St. The representative for this project described that they were mostly replacing a small existing concrete pad with a larger concrete pad that is more of a secondary containment tub for the large storage tanks.

He also explained the stormwater process where drainage from the process area is held, checked for chemical spills, and then the valve is opened and the drainage is slowly released over the land into

the cache basins. They needed the special permit because they were increasing the impervious area, but only from 20.7 percent to 20.8 percent.

Gingrich shared Alunni's recommendation for an engineer to investigate the runoff procedure further. The project representative replied to say that infiltration wouldn't be an option in this area. He said that while he appreciated the comments of the town engineer, he wasn't sure he had all of the background on the use of the site.

Boland suggested that they discuss this directly with the town engineer. This project was also continued to the next meeting.

The board then voted to recommend that the Select Board initiate the street acceptance process for Eagleview Drive, Eagleview Drive Extension, and Murray Hill Circle. Gingrich confirmed that 18 months had passed after paving and any small issues were promised to be addressed.

They also voted to endorse the plans for site plan reviews from 271 Main St. and 326 Ballardvale St.

Wilmington PD shares statement regarding New Orleans tragedy

WILMINGTON — Police Chief Joseph Desmond and the Wilmington Police Department share the following statement regarding the tragic attack that occurred in the early hours of New Year's Day in New Orleans.

"The Wilmington Police Department would like to express its deepest condolences to the families of the victims. This act of senseless violence, especially on a day representa-

tive of joy and new beginnings, is a tragedy that will not be taken lightly.

"Wilmington Police officers will remain vigilant in maintaining the safety of our community.

"We also extend our support to the New Orleans Police Department and all who were affected in the wake of the New Orleans tragedy, where 15 people were senselessly killed and several others — including two police officers

— were injured early on New Year's Day. As law enforcement personnel, we are no strangers to running toward chaos.

"Wilmington Police stand in support of the New Orleans officers who courageously stepped up to defend those celebrating the arrival of the new year and mourn alongside those grieving the loss of their loved ones."

Upcoming local events

Until January 30, Toiletries Drive at the Tewksbury Public Library to benefit the Glenice Sheehan Recovery Home for Women. Items needed for women 18+ include: deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shampoo & conditioner, bath products, moisturizer, nail care items. Organized by Tewksbury Democratic Town Committee. tewksburydems@gmail.com to donate money.

January 9, Tewksbury Indoor Community Market, 175 Chandler St. from 4 - 7 p.m. Visit the Tewksbury Senior Center and see all your summer market favorites back for a new year market. Food vendors, artisans and community groups. Visit tewksburymarket.com for more details. Girl Scout cookies, lemonade, handcrafts — something for everyone.

January 11, second annual Project Period Care Drive to collect period care products for Middlesex Community College and the UMass Lowell Strive Pantry. 10 a.m. to noon. Drop-off location is MCC, 33 Kearney Square. The drive is

collecting pads and tampons. For more information, contact Rep. Vanna Howard's office at 617-722-2060, ext. 7 or email vanna.howard@mahouse.gov.

January 17, Silvertones Dance Band, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., 7 - 10 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Vocalist BB Braxten. \$10 at the door includes cake, coffee, tea. Bring your own snacks.

January 18, Wilmington Public Library, Free professional headshot 10 minute session. Register at <https://shorturl.at/pD88G>

January 18, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library book donation drive. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 300 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Books will be evaluated for condition.

January 23, Tewksbury Community Blood Drive at the Tewksbury Elks Lodge from 2 to 7 p.m. Lodge is located at 777 South St., Tewksbury. Come out, donate blood, and be a hero! Schedule your appointment today at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>!

January 25, Free 30 minute music lesson, Groton Hill Music Center. Register by Jan. 18 to have a free 30 minute lesson on your favorite instrument — age 5 through adult. <https://grotonhill.org/school/freelessonday/> New students only. Give your dream instrument a try!

February 7, Tewksbury Lions Music Bingo, 7 - 11 p.m., Tewksbury Wilmington Lodge of Elks, Adult-only event, Full table \$250 for 10 people. Bring snacks for the table to enjoy during the event. Cash Bar available. *No Beverages of any kind to be brought in to Event. Full Table Purchases only. Raffles, prizes.

February 15, Wilmington Shriners Music Bingo, 6 - 11 p.m., Shriners Auditorium, \$20 per ticket. Bring your own snacks. Cash bar. Prizes. Questions? bostonveteran@gmail.com

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. [Publichealthmuseum.org](http://publichealthmuseum.org)

Local teacher recognized for kindness

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Her acts of kindness, whether through small gifts or handwritten notes, make a lasting difference. As a devoted mother of two, she exemplifies strength, resilience, and love in all aspects of her life.

"Mrs. Maiella is more than just a teacher; she is a beacon of hope, kindness, and dedication," said Janigan. "Her ability to touch lives through education, mentorship, or community service makes her an exceptional individual worthy of recognition. She represents the heart and soul of education and community spirit."

About LifeChanger of the Year

Each school year, Life Changer of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen individual Life Changer of the Year awards will be given during the

2024-2025 school year.

(1) **Grand Prize Winner** — will receive \$10,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(4) **Grand Prize Finalists** — will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(10) **LifeChanger Award Winners** — will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(1) **Spirit Award Winner** — This award is given to the nominee whose community demonstrates the most support for their nomination. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(1) **Spotlight Award Winner** — This award is given to a nominee in a specific discipline each year. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school or district.

Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals and will be announced in early 2025. Nominees

must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must

- Make a positive impact on the lives of students
- Enhance their school or district's atmosphere, culture, and pride
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and/or district level
- Possess a proven record of professional excellence
- Show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning
- Adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards

A resource page with ideas for how to celebrate nominees can be found at <http://lifechangeroftheyear.com/showspirit/>.

To view Maiella's Life Changer of the Year nominee profile, or to nominate someone from your school community, visit www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com.

New ADU bylaw discussed

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although it's not stated in the bylaw. Technically, the bylaw prohibits any use that is not stated to be allowed. She asked the board if they wanted to state that this use was prohibited more clearly, and they agreed that they should.

Gingrich went on to explain that KPI/Law reviewed redlines to the site plan review rules and regulations. They identified an opportunity, if so desired, for the town to require ap-

plicants to record their site plan approvals with the registry, which is current practice in other towns. She said that Wilmington doesn't currently do this.

Sean Hennigan asked what the purpose of this exercise was, and Gingrich simply said it was to keep a record.

Boland asked if it was necessary. Gingrich confirmed that it wasn't. Boland then stated that there was no need for a solution in that case if

there was no problem, and the other board members seemed to agree.

Gingrich lastly delivered construction updates and residents were complaining about the lack of paving progress on McDonald Road. She said that this was caused by the developer spreading excess loam on his own personal dwelling property which was supposed to be screened.

The Planning Board meets again on Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

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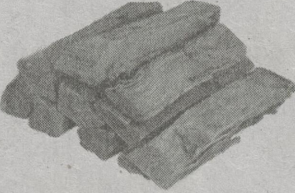
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'Sing for St. Jude' event a huge success

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

LOWELL — On Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, local artists came together to perform at the "Sing for St. Jude" event at the Taffeta Music Hall in Lowell.

This fundraiser event was a great success, raising \$1,300 to benefit the St. Jude Children Research Hospital, and was hosted by the local charity Fitness for a Cure.

Fitness for a Cure is a charitable performance team that has been serving the Merrimack Valley area for 25 years, and has raised over 8.5 million dollars to benefit the children of St. Jude Children Research Hospital.

The Sing for St. Jude event was put together by local Fitness for a Cure members Katie McCauley and Stephen Sarrouf, and featured five local artists performing in a mini musical festival atmosphere.

Tewksbury resident Katie McCauley not only helped organize this event, but also performed in it.

McCauley started her music career in her basement while performing on a karaoke machine. She soon began to write songs and launched her first project by age 18, singing for an all girl band in New York City.

After completing a degree in Music Business from Northeastern University, she honed her performing and writing skills to further her success in the music business.

While working at SLS Fitness, McCauley found her passion for philanthropy and joined the New England based charity Fitness for a Cure, which ultimately led to organizing and performing in the "Sing for St. Jude" event.

As a performer, McCauley is now focused on her solo music career with the recent release of her single "Where's the Ground,"



Lead singer Leo Folan and bass player Matthew David from the local band Burp gave an outstanding and energetic performance at the Sing for St. Jude fundraiser.

a unique blend of pop and folk that can be found on all streaming platforms. Her hard work and dedication to her solo career was evident during Friday night's performance.

The Sing for St. Jude show also featured two other local performers from Lowell, solo artist Sharitza Yiselle and the music band, Burp.

Yiselle started her music career performing in an all girl band, and has recently been working as a solo performer perfecting her music style blend of R&B and pop to create her own unique sound. Her heartfelt performance is showcased on her latest single, Forbidden.

The band Burp has been a regular on the performing music scene since 2021, offering an energy filled performance. Their latest album, Acid Reflux, a mixture of raw energy and refined intention, is scheduled to drop on Sept. 27, 2025.

Last Friday's "Sing for

St. Jude" event also gave country music fans a thrill with outstanding performances by country and R&B performer Louie Bello, of Boston, and country duo Samantha Rae & Jay.

Bello is no stranger to the musical stage, and boasts an impressive musical resume as the opening act for such country performers as Dylan Scott and Hailley Whitters, just to name a few.

As a seasoned songwriter, Bello has placed songs on major television networks, such as ESPN, MTV and ABC, and is currently enjoying enormous success with his single Yippy Ki Yay.

Samantha Rae is an emerging female country artist who has enjoyed success with her debut album "The High Road," released in 2024, and has performed as the opening act for many prominent country artists.

Jay Dell'isola, Rea's long-time songwriting and creative partner, has collabor-

ated with Rea to write and produce over 30 original songs, blending traditional country and modern pop/rock sound to create a successful style of their own.

Together, they performed at this charitable music event to the delight of all in attendance, and have also co-founded the Country Women Cancer Fund.

This fund has raised over \$70,000 for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute to support women's cancer research and treatment.

To find out about future music events to benefit St. Jude Children Research Hospital, visit www.stjude.org/fitnessforacure.

For more information on the Fitness for a Cure charitable organization, visit www.slsfitness.com/fitness-for-a-cure.

To find out more about the Samantha Rea and Jay Dell'isola Country Women Cancer Fund, visit www.countrywomenscancerfund.org.



Tewksbury resident Katie McCauley organized and performed in the recent music festival fundraiser Sing for St. Jude.

Local banks to merge pending approval from Mass. Division of Banks

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The partnership has been approved by the Boards of Directors of both banks and is pending approval by bank depositors, the Massachusetts Division of Banks and the Federal Reserve Bank. Both organizations will continue to operate as mutual cooperative banks, upholding their commitment to mutuality at the core of their mission.

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